



MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND TRADE  
THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

February 4, 2016

The Honorable Michael Froman  
United States Trade Representative  
600 17<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20508

Dear Ambassador Froman,

I have the honor to confirm the following understanding reached between the representatives of the Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam (Viet Nam) and the Government of the United States of America (United States) during the negotiations of the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement:

Viet Nam hereby confirms that it currently maintains no import prohibition on offal products from the United States and that all offal products that comply with Viet Nam's laws and regulations, including sanitary and phytosanitary measures to ensure food safety for human consumption, are allowed to be imported.

Further, Viet Nam and the United States shall work closely together to facilitate trade in U.S. offal products exported to Viet Nam, including, but not limited to, working closely together to enable the compliance by U.S. food business operators and facilities with Circular 25/2010/TT-BNNPTNT issued by the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of Viet Nam. Such cooperation may, as both sides mutually decide, include consultation and discussion on new or proposed measures that have substantive impact on exports of U.S. offal products.

I have the honor to propose that this letter and your letter in reply confirming that your Government shares this understanding shall constitute an agreement between our two Governments, which shall enter into force on the date of your letter in reply.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Vu Huy Hoang', written over a horizontal line.

Vu Huy Hoang  
Minister of Industry and Trade  
Socialist Republic of Viet Nam

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20508

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The Honorable Vu Huy Hoang  
Minister of Industry and Trade  
Socialist Republic of Viet Nam

Dear Minister Hoang:

I am pleased to acknowledge your letter of February 4, 2016, which reads as follows:

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I have the honor to confirm that my Government shares this understanding, and that your letter and this reply shall constitute an agreement between our two Governments, which shall enter into force on this date.

Sincerely,



Ambassador Michael B. G. Froman