



MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND TRADE
THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

February 4, 2016

The Honorable Michael Froman
United States Trade Representative
600 17th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20508

Dear Ambassador Froman,

In connection with the signing on this date of the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPP Agreement), I have the honour to confirm the following agreement reached between representatives of the Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam (Viet Nam) and the Government of the United States of America (United States) regarding the rights that Viet Nam provides foreign pharmaceutical companies under the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP Agreement):

Viet Nam shall adopt, maintain and enforce appropriate legal instruments allowing foreign pharmaceutical companies to establish foreign-invested enterprises to perform importation of pharmaceuticals, which duly obtain the marketing authorization from Viet Nam's authority. Without prejudice to Viet Nam's Annex II (Schedule of Viet Nam) to the TPP Agreement, those foreign-invested enterprises are allowed to sell pharmaceuticals legally imported by them to distributors or wholesalers that have the right to distribute pharmaceuticals in Viet Nam.

The foreign-invested enterprises referred to in paragraph 1 also will be allowed to have additional rights, which are: (i) to build their own warehouses to store pharmaceuticals legally imported by them into Viet Nam; (ii) to provide information related to pharmaceuticals legally imported by them to health care practitioners pursuant to the regulations issued by the Ministry of Health; and (iii) to do clinical study or testing to ensure the pharmaceuticals legally imported by them are suitable for the Vietnamese people.

I have the honour to propose that this letter and your letter of confirmation in reply shall constitute an agreement between our two Governments, subject to dispute settlement under Chapter 28 (Dispute Settlement) of the TPP Agreement, which shall enter into force on the date of entry into force of the TPP Agreement as between Viet Nam and the United States.

Sincerely,

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

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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:

“In connection with the signing on this date of the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPP Agreement), I have the honour to confirm the following agreement reached between representatives of the Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam (Viet Nam) and the Government of the United States of America (United States) regarding the rights that Viet Nam provides foreign pharmaceutical companies under the TPP Agreement:

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The foreign-invested enterprises referred to in paragraph 1 also will be allowed to have additional rights, which are: (i) to build their own warehouses to store pharmaceuticals legally imported by them into Vietnam; (ii) to provide information related to pharmaceuticals legally imported by them to health care practitioners pursuant to the regulations issued by the Ministry of Health; and (iii) to do clinical study or testing to ensure the pharmaceuticals legally imported by them are suitable for the Vietnamese people.

I have the honour to propose that this letter and your letter of confirmation in reply shall constitute an agreement between our two Governments, subject to dispute settlement under Chapter 28 (Dispute Settlement) of the TPP Agreement, which shall enter into force on the date of entry into force of the TPP Agreement as between Viet Nam and the United States.

I have the honor to confirm that my Government shares this understanding, and that this letter and your reply shall constitute an agreement between our two Governments, subject to dispute settlement under Chapter 28 (Dispute Settlement) of the TPP Agreement, which shall enter into

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force on the date of entry into force of the TPP Agreement as between the United States and Viet Nam.”

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael Froman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Michael" and the last name "Froman" clearly legible.

Ambassador Michael B. G. Froman