8 March 2018

The Honourable Lim Hng Kiang
Minister for Trade and Industry (Trade)
Republic of Singapore

Dear Minister,

In connection with the signing on this date of the *Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership* (the "Agreement"), I have the honour to confirm the following understanding reached between the Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam ("Viet Nam") and the Government of the Republic of Singapore ("Singapore") with regard to Article 18.53 (Measures Relating to the Marketing of Certain Pharmaceutical Products) of the Agreement:

Viet Nam and Singapore recognise that nothing in Article 18.53 (Measures Relating to the Marketing of Certain Pharmaceutical Products) of Chapter 18 (Intellectual Property) of the Agreement limits a Party to the Agreement from establishing conditions, limitations or exceptions when implementing the obligations set forth under that Article, provided that the Party continues to give effect to that Article.

I would be grateful if you would confirm that this understanding is shared by your government.

Yours sincerely,

Tran Tuan Anh
Minister of Industry and Trade
Socialist Republic of Viet Nam

8 March 2018

MINISTER FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY
(TRADE)
SINGAPORE

His Excellency
Mr. Tran Tuan Anh
Minister of Industry and Trade
Socialist Republic of Viet Nam

Dear Excellency,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of this date, which reads as follows:

> "In connection with the signing on this date of the *Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership* (the "Agreement"), I have the honour to confirm the following understanding reached between the Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam ("Viet Nam") and the Government of the Republic of Singapore ("Singapore") with regard to Article 18.53 (Measures Relating to the Marketing of Certain Pharmaceutical Products) of the Agreement:
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> Viet Nam and Singapore recognise that nothing in Article 18.53 (Measures Relating to the Marketing of Certain Pharmaceutical Products) of Chapter 18 (Intellectual Property) of the Agreement shall limit a Party to the Agreement from establishing conditions, limitations or exceptions when implementing the obligations set forth under that Article, provided that the Party continues to give effect to that Article.
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> I would be grateful if you would confirm that this understanding is shared by your government."

I have the further honour to confirm that my Government shares this understanding.

Yours sincerely,

Lim Hng Kiang

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