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 18.47 (Protection of Undisclosed Test or Other Data for Agricultural Chemical Products) of Chapter 18 (Intellectual Property) of the Agreement:
>
> Singapore will refrain from seeking recourse to Chapter 28 (Dispute Settlement) of the Agreement with regard to the obligations of Viet Nam under Article 18.47 (Protection of Undisclosed Test or Other Data for Agricultural Chemical Products) of Chapter 18 (Intellectual Property) of the Agreement for a period of five years after the fifth anniversary of the date of entry into force of the Agreement for Viet Nam.
>
> 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

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 18.47 (Protection of Undisclosed Test or Other Data for Agricultural Chemical Products) of Chapter 18 (Intellectual Property) of the Agreement:

Singapore will refrain from seeking recourse to Chapter 28 (Dispute Settlement) of the Agreement with regard to the obligations of Viet Nam under Article 18.47 (Protection of Undisclosed Test or Other Data for Agricultural Chemical Products) of Chapter 18 (Intellectual Property) of the Agreement for a period of five years after the fifth anniversary of the date of entry into force of the Agreement for Viet Nam.

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