

**SUBJECT TO LEGAL REVIEW FOR ACCURACY, CLARITY AND CONSISTENCY**

*[insert date]*

Hon Lim Hng Kiang  
Minister for Trade and Industry  
Republic of Singapore

Dear Minister

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- *Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement* done at [xxx] on *[insert date]* (TPP).

I have the honour to confirm the following interpretative understandings relating to the Agreements reached by New Zealand and Singapore during the course of the negotiations on TPP. Nothing in TPP will derogate from the rights and obligations of New Zealand or Singapore under NZSCEP, TPSEP or AANZFTA. To the greatest extent possible, the Agreements will be interpreted consistently. Where the NZSCEP, TPSEP, AANZFTA or TPP provides different treatment for an exporter, service supplier or investor of New Zealand or Singapore, that exporter, service supplier or investor is entitled to claim the most favourable of the treatment accorded to that exporter, service supplier or investor under any of the Agreements.

I have the further honour to propose that this letter and your letter of confirmation in reply will constitute the understandings between our two Governments on the interpretation of the Agreements.

Yours sincerely

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