

**THE HON STEVEN CIOBO MP**

Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment

8 March 2018

The Honourable Ildefonso Guajardo Villarreal

Secretary of Economy

Mexico

Dear Secretary

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 (hereinafter referred to as the “Agreement”), I have the honour to confirm the following agreement reached between the Government of the United Mexican States (hereinafter referred to as “Mexico”) and the Government of Australia (hereinafter referred to as “Australia”):

1. The *Australian New Zealand Food Standards Code* (“the Code”) allows recognition of the following Mexican products: Bacanora, Charanda, Mezcal, Sotol and Tequila, as products manufactured in Mexico and that no variation of the Code is necessary for such recognition.

2. To the extent contemplated in the Code, and subject to Australia's law, Australia shall not permit the sale of any Mexican product as Bacanora, Charanda, Mezcal, Sotol or Tequila, unless it has been manufactured in Mexico according to the laws of Mexico governing the manufacture of Bacanora, Charanda, Mezcal, Sotol and Tequila and complies with all applicable Mexican regulations for the consumption, sale or export as Bacanora, Charanda, Mezcal, Sotol or Tequila.

I have the honour to propose that this letter, and your letter of confirmation in reply, both equally authentic in the English and the Spanish languages, shall constitute an agreement between Mexico and Australia and shall enter into force on the date on which the Agreement is in force for both Mexico and Australia.”

I have the further honour to confirm that the above reflects the agreement reached between the Government of Australia and the Government of Mexico during the course of negotiations on the Agreement, and that your letter and this letter in reply, both equally authentic in the English and the Spanish languages, shall constitute an agreement between Australia and Mexico.

Yours sincerely





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**The Hon Steven Ciobo MP**

**Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment**

**Australia**

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