

**THE HON STEVEN CIOBO MP**

Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment

8 March 2018

The Honourable Francois-Philippe Champagne

Minister of International Trade

Canada

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 propose that the letters dated 4 February 2016 that our Governments signed in connection with the signing of the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement signed in Auckland, be equally valid and applicable with respect to the Agreement. These letters are:

*1. Understanding Related to Australia - Canada: Dairy and Food Processing (Letters between the Honourable Chrystia Freeland and the Hon Andrew Robb MP, dated 4 February 2016);*

*2. Understanding Related to Australia - Canada: Distinctive Products (Letters between the Honourable Chrystia Freeland and the Hon Andrew Robb MP, dated 4 February 2016); and*

*3. Understanding Related to Australia - Canada: Wines and Spirits (Letters between the Honourable Chrystia Freeland and the Hon Andrew Robb MP, dated 4 February 2016).*

I have the further honour to propose that this letter, and your letter of confirmation in reply, equally valid in French and English, will constitute an understanding between the Government of Australia and the Government of Canada, which will come into effect on the date on which the Agreement enters into force for both Australia and Canada.

Yours sincerely



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 8 March 2018

The Hon Steven Ciobo, MP

Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment

Australia

Dear Minister,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 8 March 2018, 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 propose that the letters dated 4 February 2016 that our Governments signed in connection with the signing of the *Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement* signed in Auckland, be equally valid and applicable with respect to the Agreement. These letters are:

*1. Understanding Related to Australia - Canada: Dairy and Food Processing (Letters between the Honourable Chrystia Freeland and the Hon Andrew Robb MP, dated 4 February 2016);*

*2. Understanding Related to Australia - Canada: Distinctive Products (Letters between the Honourable Chrystia Freeland and the Hon Andrew Robb MP, dated 4 February 2016); and*

*3. Understanding Related to Australia - Canada: Wines and Spirits (Letters between the Honourable Chrystia Freeland and the Hon Andrew Robb MP, dated 4 February 2016).*

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I have the further honour to propose that this letter, and your letter of confirmation in reply, equally valid in French and English, will constitute an understanding between the Government of Australia and the Government of Canada, which will come into effect on the date on which the Agreement enters into force for both Australia and Canada.”

I have honour to confirm that the above reflects the understanding reached between the Government of Australia and the Government of Canada during the course of negotiations on the Agreement, and that your letter and this letter in reply, equally valid in French and English, will constitute an understanding between the Government of Australia and the Government of Canada, which will come into effect on the date on which the Agreement enters into force for both Australia and Canada.

