

**THE HON STEVEN CIOBO MP**

Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment

8 March 2018

His Excellency

Mr. Heraldo Munoz Valenzuela

Minister of Foreign Affairs

Chile

Dear Minister

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 in Santiago, Chile, of the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (the Agreement), the Government of Chile (Chile) and the Government of Australia (Australia) confirm their shared understanding with regard to Article 18.47 (Protection of Undisclosed Test or Other Data for Agricultural Chemical Products) of the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement, signed on 4 February 2016, in Auckland, New Zealand, incorporated, by reference, into and made part of the Agreement *mutatis mutandis*, as follows:

Chile and Australia recognize that nothing in Article 18.47 (Protection of Undisclosed Test or Other Data for Agricultural Chemical Products) of Chapter 18 (Intellectual Property) limits a Party to the Agreement from establishing conditions, limitations or exceptions when implementing the obligations set forth under that Article, provided that such conditions, limitations or exceptions are consistent with the provisions of Chapter 18 (Intellectual Property).

I have the further honour to propose that this letter and your letter in reply will constitute an understanding between our two Governments, which will come into effect on the date on which the Agreement enters into force for both Australia and Chile.”

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

Yours sincerely





8 March 2018

The Hon Steven Ciobo MP

Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment

Canberra, Australia

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