

4 February 2016

**The Honourable Pehin Dato Lim Jock Seng  
Minister at the Prime Minister's Office and  
Second Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade  
Bandar Seri Begawan  
Brunei Darussalam**

Dear Minister Pehin Dato Lim Jock Seng,

In connection with the signing on this date of the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement ("TPP Agreement"), I have the honour to confirm the following understanding reached between the Government of the United Mexican States ("Mexico") and the Government of Brunei Darussalam ("Brunei Darussalam"), during the course of the negotiations of the TPP Agreement:

1. Consistent with the Agreement on Trade Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights ("TRIPS Agreement"), Mexico and Brunei Darussalam confirm that geographical indications from each Party will be protected in the other Party.
2. Brunei Darussalam confirms that it will provide the legal means to protect the geographical indications "Tequila, Mezcal, Bacanora, Charanda, Sotol (spirits); Olinalá, Talavera (handicrafts); Arroz de Morelos, Mango Ataulfo del Soconusco Chiapas, Chile Habanero de la Península de Yucatán, Café Veracruz, Café de Chiapas, Vainilla de Papantla (agricultural products), and Ámbar de Chiapas" only to the extent permitted by, and according to, the provisions set out in its law.

I have the honour to propose that this letter and your letter in reply, both equally authentic in the Spanish and English languages, shall constitute an understanding between our Governments, which will enter into effect on the date of entry into force of the TPP Agreement between our countries.

Sincerely,

**Ildefonso Guajardo Villarreal**

4 February 2016

The Honorable Idefonso Guajardo Villarreal  
Secretary of Economy  
Alfonso Reyes No. 30, Col. Condesa  
México, D.F.

Dear Secretary Guajardo,

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 Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (“TPP Agreement”), I have the honour to confirm the following understanding reached between the Government of the United Mexican States (“Mexico”) and the Government of Brunei Darussalam (“Brunei Darussalam”), during the course of the negotiations of the TPP Agreement:*

- 1. Consistent with the Agreement on Trade Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (“TRIPS Agreement”), Mexico and Brunei Darussalam confirm that geographical indications from each Party will be protected in the other Party.*
- 2. Brunei Darussalam confirms that it will provide the legal means to protect the geographical indications “Tequila, Mezcal, Bacanora, Charanda, Sotol (spirits); Olinalá, Talavera (handicrafts); Arroz de Morelos, Mango Ataulfo del Soconusco Chiapas, Chile Habanero de la Península de Yucatán, Café Veracruz, Café de Chiapas, Vainilla de Papantla (agricultural products), and Ámbar de Chiapas” only to the extent permitted by, and according to, the provisions set out in its law.*

*I have the honour to propose that this letter and your letter in reply, both equally authentic in the Spanish and English languages, shall constitute an understanding between our Governments, which will enter into effect on the date of entry into force of the TPP Agreement between our countries.”*

I have the further honour to confirm that my Government shares this understanding and that your letter and this letter in reply, shall constitute an understanding between our Governments, which will enter into effect on the date of entry into force of the TPP Agreement between our countries.

Sincerely,

**PEHIN DATO LIM JOCK SENG**  
Minister at the Prime Minister’s Office and  
Second Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade