



MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND TRADE
THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

4 February 2016

The Honourable Ildefonso Guajardo Villarreal
Secretary of Economy
Mexico

Dear Secretary,

In connection with the signing on this date of the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (hereinafter referred to as the “TPP 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 the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam (hereinafter referred to as “Viet Nam”), during the course of the negotiations of Chapter 11 (Financial Services) of the TPP Agreement:

1. Nothing in Section D (Electronic Payment Card Services) of Annex 11-B (Specific Commitments) to Chapter 11 (Financial Services) of the TPP Agreement restricts the right of Viet Nam to adopt or maintain measures that condition the cross-border supply of electronic payment services into Viet Nam by a service supplier of another Party of the TPP Agreement on a requirement that such electronic payment services are supplied through a gateway operated by a national switching facility licensed by the State Bank of Viet Nam. Any such requirement shall:

(a) not be used as a means of avoiding Viet Nam’s obligations under Section D (Electronic Payment Card Services) of Annex 11-B (Specific Commitments) to Chapter 11 (Financial Services) of the TPP Agreement;

(b) not result in a competitive disadvantage to the service suppliers of another Party of the TPP Agreement;

(c) ensure the security, speed, or reliability of the services, and preserve the ability of service suppliers of another Party of the TPP Agreement to innovate; and

(d) not impose unreasonable costs, directly or indirectly, on service suppliers of another Party of the TPP Agreement.

2. If the national switching facility of Viet Nam and a supplier of another Party of the TPP Agreement enter into an agreement or agreements for the processing of electronic payments transactions that set out standards for operation of that facility, compliance with the terms of the agreement or agreements shall be deemed to satisfy Viet Nam’s obligations under paragraphs (b), (c), and (d) above with respect to that supplier.

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 our Governments, to enter into effect upon the entry into force of the TPP Agreement



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between our countries.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Vu Huy Hoang', written over a horizontal line.

Vu Huy Hoang
Minister of Industry and Trade
Socialist Republic of Viet Nam