

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20508

February 4, 2016

The Honorable Ildefonso Guajardo Villarreal
Secretary of the Economy
México, D.F., México

Dear Secretary Guajardo:

I have the honor to refer to the following understanding between representatives of the Government of the United Mexican States (Mexico) and the Government of the United States of America (United States) reached during the negotiations on Section E (Geographical Indications) of Chapter 18 (Intellectual Property) of the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPP Agreement):

Mexico and the United States confirm their understanding that from the date of signature of the TPP Agreement until its entry into force for each Party, each government will take all measures within its legal authority to prevent any action that may be contrary to the object and purpose of the Article 18.36 (International Agreements), which relates to the protection or recognition of geographical indications under international agreements.

I have the honor 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 understanding between our Governments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael B. G. Froman", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ambassador Michael B. G. Froman