

8 March 2018

The Honourable  
Dato Erywan Pehin Yusof  
Second Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade  
Brunei Darussalam

Dear Minister,

I refer to the *Trans-Pacific Strategic Economic Partnership Agreement* that entered into force on 28 May 2006 (TPSEP), the *Agreement Establishing the ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand Free Trade Area* done at Cha-am on 27 February 2009 (AANZFTA) and the *Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership* done at Santiago on this date (CPTPP) (referred to collectively as the "Agreements" and individually as "Agreement").

I have the honour to confirm the following understandings relating to the Agreements reached by New Zealand and Brunei Darussalam during the course of the negotiations on the CPTPP. Nothing in the CPTPP will derogate from the rights and obligations of New Zealand or Brunei Darussalam under the TPSEP or AANZFTA. To the greatest extent possible the Agreements will be interpreted consistently. Where the TPSEP, AANZFTA or CPTPP provides different treatment for an exporter, service supplier or investor of New Zealand or Brunei Darussalam, that exporter, service supplier or investor is entitled to claim the more favourable of the treatment accorded to that exporter, service supplier or investor under that Agreement.



I have the further honour to propose that this letter and your letter of confirmation in reply will constitute the understandings between our two Governments on the interpretation of the Agreements, which shall enter into effect on the date on which the CPTPP enters into force for both New Zealand and Brunei Darussalam.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David Parker". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "David" being more prominent than the last name "Parker".

Hon David Parker  
Minister for Trade and Export Growth  
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BRUNEI DARUSSALAM

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Our Reference:

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The Honourable David Parker  
Minister for Trade and Export Growth  
New Zealand

Dear Minister,

I have the honour of acknowledging receipt of your letter of today's date, which states as follows:

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Yours sincerely,



**DATO ERYWAN PEHIN YUSOF**  
Second Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade