

8 March 2018

His Excellency  
Minister Heraldo Muñoz Valenzuela  
Minister of Foreign Affairs  
Chile

Dear Minister Muñoz,

I refer to the *Trans-Pacific Strategic Economic Partnership Agreement* that entered into force on 28 May 2006 ("TPSEP") and the *Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership* ("CPTPP") done at Santiago, Chile, on this date (both referred together as the "Agreements").

I have the honour to confirm the following understanding relating to the Agreements reached by New Zealand and Chile during the course of the negotiations on the CPTPP:

1. Nothing in the CPTPP will derogate from the rights and obligations of New Zealand or Chile under the TPSEP.
2. The following rules in Chapter 4 (Textile and Apparel Goods) of the CPTPP, shall not apply to trade between New Zealand and Chile:
  - (a) Article 4.2.4 (*No de minimis* exclusion for elastomeric yarns).



(b) Chapter Notes which require sewing thread and narrow elastic bands to be originating.

3. The following rules shall apply to trade between New Zealand and Chile:

(a) CTH rule for yams.

(b) CTH rule for fabric.

(c) CC rule for apparel (cut and sew rule).

I have the further honour to propose that this letter and your letter of confirmation in reply shall constitute an agreement between our two Governments, which shall enter into force on the date on which the CPTPP enters into force for both New Zealand and Chile.

Yours sincerely,



Hon David Parker  
Minister for Trade and Export Growth  
New Zealand



REPUBLICA DE CHILE  
MINISTERIO DE RELACIONES EXTERIORES

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

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I have the further honour to confirm that your letter reflects the understandings reached between the Governments of Chile and New Zealand during the course of the negotiations of the CPTPP, and that your letter and this letter in reply shall constitute an agreement between our two Governments, which shall enter into force on the date on which the CPTPP enters into force for both New Zealand and Chile.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'H. Muñoz'.

Heraldo Muñoz Valenzuela  
Minister of Foreign Affairs  
Republic of Chile