

11 June 2020

(GMT)

Hon Chan Chun Sing  
Minister for Trade and Industry  
Singapore

Dear Minister Chan

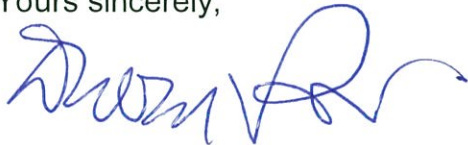
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I have the further honour to propose that this letter and your letter of confirmation in reply will constitute the understandings between our two Governments on the interpretation of the Agreements.

Yours sincerely,



Hon David Parker

Minister for Trade and Export Growth

New Zealand

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New Zealand

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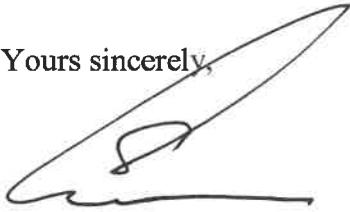
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Chan Chun Sing', written over the closing 'Yours sincerely,'.

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Minister for Trade and Industry