

Cha-am, Petchaburi, Thailand
27 February 2009

H.E. Vu Huy Hoang
Minister of Industry and Trade
Socialist Republic of Viet Nam
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Dear Minister

I have the honour to refer to the conclusion on this date of the Agreement Establishing the ASEAN – Australia – New Zealand Free Trade Area (“the Agreement”).

I also have the honour to confirm that, on this date, the Government of New Zealand recognises the market economy status of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam and that in its bilateral economic trading relationship with the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, it shall not apply paragraph 255 of the Working Party Report on the accession of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam to the World Trade Organisation.

I propose that this letter and your reply will constitute a record of the joint understanding of our two Governments reached in connection with the Agreement.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Minister,

I have the honour to refer to the conclusion on this date of the Agreement Establishing the ASEAN – Australia – New Zealand Free Trade Area (“the Agreement”), and to your letter of the same date which reads as follows:

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I propose that this letter and your reply will constitute a record of the joint understanding of our two Governments reached in connection with the Agreement.”

I have the honour to confirm that your letter and this reply constitute a record of the joint understandings of our two Governments reached in connection with the Agreement.

Yours sincerely,

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