

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 our discussions in relation to entry into New Zealand of Vietnamese chefs and Engineering Professionals for temporary employment purposes. I wish to propose the following;

New Zealand will allow up to 100 Vietnamese chefs ordinarily resident in Viet Nam to enter New Zealand at any one time for a period of up to three years, provided that they;

- (i) have a bona fide job offer as a Vietnamese Chef from a New Zealand employer, which has been assessed as equivalent to at least ANZSCO Skill Level 3, and
- (ii) have a relevant qualification and/or work experience.

New Zealand will allow up to 100 Vietnamese Engineering Professionals ordinarily resident in Viet Nam to enter New Zealand at any one time for a period of up to three years, provided that they;

- (i) have a bona fide job offer as an Engineering Professional from a New Zealand employer, which has been assessed as equivalent to ANZSCO Skill Level 1;
- (ii) have a degree level (level 7 or above) qualification registered on the International Professional Engineers Register or Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Engineers Register, or Washington Accord accredited engineering degree; and
- (iii) hold New Zealand registration, where required.

This is conditional on the applicant fulfilling all other immigration requirements for applicants applying to work in New Zealand, including health and character requirements.

Vietnamese Chefs and Engineering Professionals who have spent three years in New Zealand working under this Arrangement are not eligible to apply to re-enter New Zealand under this Arrangement unless they have spent a minimum of three years out of New Zealand.

I have the honour to propose that, if the above proposals are acceptable to Viet Nam, this letter and your confirmatory reply constitute an arrangement ("the Arrangement") between New Zealand and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam ("the Participants") entering into effect on the same day as the *Agreement Establishing the ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand Free Trade Area* enters into force for the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam.

Either Participant may, at any time, through the diplomatic channel request consultations on the provisions of this Arrangement. The other Participant will respond to the request within sixty (60) days.

Yours sincerely

Hon Tim Groser
Minister of Trade
New Zealand

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I have the honour to confirm that your proposals are acceptable to Viet Nam. Therefore, your letter and this reply constitute an arrangement between New Zealand and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam.

Yours sincerely

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