Dear Minister Sutton

I refer to the conclusion on this date of the Memorandum of Understanding on Labour Cooperation Among the Parties to the Trans-Pacific Strategic Economic Partnership Agreement (the MOU) and your letter of 15 June 2005 which reads:

“The MOU shall remain in force for a Party as long as that Party remains party to the Trans-Pacific Strategic Economic Partnership Agreement. If a Party withdraws from the Trans-Pacific Strategic Economic Partnership Agreement, the MOU shall terminate for that Party on the same date as such withdrawal becomes effective. If a Party withdraws from the MOU, the Trans-Pacific Strategic Economic Partnership Agreement shall terminate for that Party on the same date as such withdrawal becomes effective.”

I have the honour to confirm that the understandings referred to in your letter are shared by my Government, and your letter and this reply shall constitute an integral part of the MOU.

Yours sincerely