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The Honorable Ildefonso Guajardo Villarreal
Secretary of Economy
Mexico City, Mexico

Dear Minister Guajardo:

I have the honor to refer to the following understanding between representatives of the Government of the United Mexican States (Mexico) and the Government of the United States of America (United States) reached during the negotiations on Section E (Geographical Indications) of Chapter 18 of the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPP Agreement):

Mexico and the United States confirm their understanding that from the date of signature of the TPP Agreement until its entry into force for each Party, each government will take all measures within its legal authority to prevent any action that may be contrary to the object and purpose of the Article 18.36, which relates to the protection or recognition of geographical indications under international agreements.

I have the honor to propose that this letter and your letter in reply confirming that your Government shares this understanding shall constitute a common understanding between the United States and Mexico on the aforementioned subjects.

Sincerely,

Ambassador Michael B. G. Froman

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The Honorable Michael B.G. Froman
United States Trade Representative
Washington, D.C., United States of America

Dear Ambassador Froman:

I am pleased to acknowledge your letter of this date, which reads as follows:

I have the honor to refer to the following understanding between representatives of the Government of the United Mexican States (Mexico) and the Government of the United States of America (United States) reached during the negotiations on Section E (Geographical Indications) of Chapter 18 of the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPP Agreement):

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I have the further honor to propose that this letter and your letter in reply confirming that your Government shares this understanding shall constitute an agreement between Mexico and the United States, which shall enter into force on the date of your letter in reply.

I have the further honor to confirm that my government shares this understanding and that your letter and this reply shall constitute a common understanding between the United States and Mexico on the aforementioned subject.

Sincerely,

Ildefonso Guajardo Villarreal