

4 February 2016

Magali Silva Velarde-Álvarez
Minister for Foreign Trade and Tourism
Peru

Dear Minister Silva

I have the honour of acknowledging receipt of your letter of today's date, which states as follows:

"In connection with the signing on this date of the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (the "TPP Agreement"), I have the honour to confirm the following mutual understanding reached between the Government of New Zealand and the Government of Peru during the course of negotiations on the TPP Agreement:

Subject to domestic law, in a manner that is consistent with the TRIPS Agreement, the Government of Peru and the Government of New Zealand confirm that geographical indications for wines and spirits from each party will be protected in the other party.

Consistent with the previous paragraph, New Zealand confirms that it provides the legal means to protect the geographical indication "Pisco" only to the extent permitted by, and according to the terms and conditions set out in, its law.

I have the honour to propose that this letter and your letter in reply confirming this mutual understanding constitute an understanding between the Government of New Zealand and the Government of Peru, which will come into effect on the first date on which the TPP Agreement enters in force for both New Zealand and Peru.

The English and Spanish texts of this Agreement are equally authentic. In the event of any divergence between those texts, the English text shall prevail."

I have the further honour to confirm that your letter reflects the undertakings made by the Governments of New Zealand and Peru during the course of the negotiations on TPP and that your letter and this letter in reply shall constitute an understanding between New Zealand and Peru.

Yours sincerely



Hon Todd McClay
Minister of Trade
New Zealand