



8 March 2018

Hon David Parker
Minister for Trade and Export Growth
New Zealand

Dear Minister,

In connection with the signing on 8 March 2018 in Santiago, Chile, of the *Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership* (the "CPTPP"), and in the context of the *Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement* signed on 4 February 2016 in Auckland ("TPP"), I have the honour to confirm the following mutual understandings reached between the Government of Malaysia and the Government of New Zealand during the course of negotiations on the CPTPP:

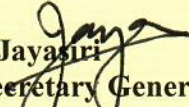
The Governments of Malaysia and New Zealand confirm their intention to maintain the following mutual understandings reached in connection with the signature of the TPP:

1. *Understanding regarding biodiversity and traditional knowledge (Letters between H.E. Mustapa Mohamed and Hon. Todd McClay, dated 4 February 2016).*
2. *Side Letters on relationship between TPP and other/existing Agreements (Letters between H.E. Mustapa Mohamed and Hon. Todd McClay, dated 4 February 2016) (Relationship Letters).*

For the purposes of this Arrangement, all references in the Relationship Letters to TPP will mean references to CPTPP.

I have the honour to propose that this letter and your letter in reply confirming these understandings constitute an Arrangement between the Government of Malaysia and the Government of New Zealand, which will come into effect on the date on which the CPTPP enters into force for both Malaysia and New Zealand.

Yours sincerely,


J. Jayasiri
Secretary General
Ministry of International Trade and Industry
Malaysia

8 March 2018

H.E. J.Jayasiri
Secretary General
Ministry of International Trade and Industry
Malaysia

Dear Secretary General

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 8 March 2018, which reads as follows:

“In connection with the signing on 8 March 2018 in Santiago, Chile, of the *Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership* (the “CPTPP”), and in the context of the *Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement* signed on 4 February 2016 in Auckland (“TPP”), I have the honour to confirm the following mutual understandings reached between the Government of Malaysia and the Government of New Zealand during the course of negotiations on the CPTPP:

The Governments of Malaysia and New Zealand confirm their intention to maintain the following mutual understandings reached in connection with the signature of the TPP:

1. *Understanding regarding biodiversity and traditional knowledge (Letters between H.E. Mustapa Mohamed and Hon. Todd McClay, dated 4 February 2016).*



2. *Side Letters on relationship between TPP and other/existing Agreements (Letters between H.E. Mustapa Mohamed and Hon. Todd McClay, dated 4 February 2016) (Relationship Letters).*

For the purposes of this Arrangement, all references in the Relationship Letters to TPP will mean references to CPTPP.

I have the honour to propose that this letter and your letter in reply confirming these understandings constitute an Arrangement between the Government of Malaysia and the Government of New Zealand, which will come into effect on the date on which the CPTPP enters into force for both Malaysia and New Zealand.”

I have the further honour to confirm that the above reflects the mutual understandings reached between the Government of Malaysia and the Government of New Zealand during the course of negotiations on the CPTPP, and that your letter and this letter in reply will constitute an Arrangement between the Government of Malaysia and the Government of New Zealand.

Yours sincerely



Hon David Parker
Minister for Trade and Export Growth
New Zealand