

Cha-am, Petchaburi, Thailand  
27 February 2009

Lim Hng Kiang  
Minister for Trade and Industry  
Singapore

Dear Minister

I refer to the Agreement Establishing the ASEAN - Australia -New Zealand Free Trade Area ('the Agreement') done at Cha-am on 27 February 2009 and I have the honour to confirm the following understanding relating to the Agreement reached by New Zealand and Singapore during the course of the negotiations on the Agreement:

New Zealand and Singapore will not take safeguard measures, as provided for in Chapter 7 (Safeguard Measures) of the Agreement, against goods originating in the other country from the date of entry into force of the Agreement for Singapore.

If the foregoing is acceptable to the Government of Singapore, I have the honour to propose that this letter and your letter of confirmation in reply will constitute a record of the joint understanding of our two Governments reached in association with the Agreement.

Yours sincerely

Hon Tim Groser  
Minister of Trade  
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Dear Minister

I refer to the Agreement Establishing the ASEAN - Australia -New Zealand Free Trade Area ('the Agreement') done at Cha-am on 27 February 2009 and your letter of 27 February 2009 which reads :

"I refer to the Agreement Establishing the ASEAN - Australia -New Zealand Free Trade Area ('the Agreement') done at Cha-am on 27 February 2009 and I have the honour to confirm the following understanding relating to the Agreement reached by New Zealand and Singapore during the course of the negotiations on the Agreement:

New Zealand and Singapore will not take safeguard measures, as provided for in Chapter 7 (Safeguard Measures) of the Agreement, against goods originating in the other country from the date of entry into force of the Agreement for Singapore.

If the foregoing is acceptable to the Government of Singapore, I have the honour to propose that this letter and your letter of confirmation in reply will constitute a record of the joint understanding of our two Governments reached in association with the Agreement".

I have the honour to confirm that your proposal is acceptable to the Government of Singapore. Therefore, your letter and this reply constitute a record of the joint understanding between our two Governments reached in association with the Agreement.

Yours sincerely

Lim Hng Kiang  
Minister for Trade and Industry  
Singapore