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Hon Jim Sutton
Minister for Trade Negotiations
New Zealand

I refer to the conclusion on this date of the Trans-Pacific Strategic Economic Partnership Agreement (“the Agreement”) and your letter of 15 June 2005, which reads:

“In respect of New Zealand, for greater certainty, procurement of goods and services by its entities listed in Annex 11.A may be subject to technical specifications to promote the conservation of natural resources and the environment, provided that such technical specifications are otherwise consistent with this Chapter and are based on standards developed consistent with the general and the substantive provisions prescribed for standardising bodies under Annex 3 of the *WTO Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade*.”

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 Agreement.

Yours sincerely