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Hon Jim Sutton
Minister for Trade Negotiations
New Zealand

Dear Minister Sutton

I refer to the conclusion on this date of the Environment Cooperation Agreement Among the Parties to the Trans-Pacific Strategic Economic Partnership Agreement (the Agreement) and to your letter of 15 June 2005 which reads:

“The Agreement shall remain in force for a Party as long as that Party remains party to the *Trans-Pacific Strategic Economic Partnership Agreement*. If a Party withdraws from the *Trans-Pacific Strategic Economic Partnership Agreement*, the Agreement shall terminate for that Party on the same date as such withdrawal becomes effective. If a Party withdraws from the Agreement, the *Trans-Pacific Strategic Economic Partnership Agreement* shall terminate for that Party on the same date as such withdrawal becomes effective.”

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