



December 10, 2019

The Honorable Robert E. Lighthizer  
United States Trade Representative  
Washington, D.C.  
United States of America

The Honorable Jesús Seade Kuri  
Under Secretary for North America and  
Chief Trade Negotiator for North America  
Mexico City, Mexico

Dear Ambassador Lighthizer and Under Secretary Seade:

I have the honour to acknowledge your letter, which reads as follows:

I have the honor to confirm the following understanding reached between the Government of the United States (“the United States”), the Government of the United Mexican States (“Mexico”), and the Government of Canada (“Canada”) with respect to the deletion of footnote 10 to USMCA Article 23.6 as published on May 30, 2019.

Under Article 1.2 of the USMCA, each Party affirms its existing rights and obligations with respect to each other under the WTO Agreement and other agreements to which it and another Party are party. Furthermore, the Parties agree they can comply with both their obligations under the WTO Agreement and Article 23.6. Footnote 10 to Article 23.6 merely reconfirmed this premise. Therefore, nothing should be read into the deletion of footnote 10 other than the fact that the footnote is unnecessary.

I would be grateful if you would confirm that your Governments share this understanding.

I have the further honour of confirming that Canada shares this understanding and that Ambassador Lighthizer’s letter, Under Secretary Seade’s letter in reply, and this letter in reply, equally authentic in French and English, together constitute an understanding between our Governments that will come into effect on the date of this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chrystia Freeland', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

The Honourable Chrystia Freeland  
Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of  
Intergovernmental Affairs