

23 October 2008

Lim Hng Kiang  
Minister for Trade and Industry  
Republic of Singapore

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to confirm the receipt of your letter dated [XXX], which reads as follows:

“I have the honour to confirm the following understanding reached by China and Singapore with respect to the implementation of Chapter 9 (Movement of Natural Persons) and Annex 6 (Commitments on Temporary Entry of Natural Persons) of the *Free Trade Agreement between the Government of the People’s Republic of China and the Government of the Republic of Singapore* (the ‘Agreement’).

Singapore intends to require all persons seeking entry as intra-corporate transferees and contractual service suppliers under the Agreement to meet certain salary criteria. China and Singapore agree that this requirement does not constitute a violation of Article 81 (General Principles for Grant of Temporary Entry) of the Agreement.

I have the honour to propose that this understanding be treated as an integral part of the Agreement.”

I have the further honour to confirm that this understanding is shared by my Government and constitutes an integral part of the *Free Trade Agreement between the Government of the People’s Republic of China and the Government of the Republic of Singapore*.

Sincerely,

Chen Deming  
Minister of Commerce  
People’s Republic of China