

## **GUIDE TO INTERNET RESOURCES ON THE U.S. GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES (GSP)**

The United States provides comprehensive information on its trade, tariffs and trade-related programs, such as GSP, to the public via many easily accessible and user-friendly internet websites. This list provides a highlight of the internet website addresses most relevant to GSP beneficiaries' needs and interests.

### **I. THE U.S. GSP PROGRAM – <http://www.ustr.gov>**

- A downloadable guidebook to the GSP program
- Public announcements, notices, and proclamations relating to the GSP program
- Legislation authorizing the GSP program (19 U.S.C. 2461, *et seq.*)
- GSP regulations (15 C.F.R. 2007) promulgated by the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR)
- Results of the GSP Annual Reviews regarding product and country eligibility
- Lists of GSP-eligible products

**[http://www.ustr.gov/Trade\\_Development/Preference\\_Programs/GSP/Section\\_Index.html](http://www.ustr.gov/Trade_Development/Preference_Programs/GSP/Section_Index.html)**

### **II. THE U.S. HARMONIZED TARIFF SCHEDULE (HTS) – <http://www.usitc.gov>**

- The complete HTS in downloadable form
- Identification of products and countries eligible for GSP treatment
- Alphabetical index

**[http://www.usitc.gov/tata/hts/.](http://www.usitc.gov/tata/hts/)**

- Quick reference to product and country information
- Search engine on all special tariff programs, including GSP

**[http://dataweb.usitc.gov/scripts/gsp/gsp\\_tariff.asp](http://dataweb.usitc.gov/scripts/gsp/gsp_tariff.asp)**

- Complete list of GSP-eligible products
- Complete list of GSP-eligible countries, least developed countries, and territories
- Regional associations eligible for GSP treatment (for rules of origin purposes)
- Country-specific instances of GSP product ineligibility (*i.e.*, those found in General Note 4 of the HTS)

**<http://www.usitc.gov/tata/hts/bychapter/index.htm>**

### **III. U.S. REQUIREMENTS FOR IMPORTATION – <http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/import/>**

- General information about the importing process, import requirements, entry of goods, informed compliance, assessment of duty, classification and value, marking, and HTS changes
- U.S. Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) publications

***<http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/toolbox/publications>***

- CBP Guidebook to importing products under GSP

***[http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/import/reg\\_audit/archive/gsp.xml](http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/import/reg_audit/archive/gsp.xml)***

- Tariff classification rulings by the CBP

***<http://rulings.cbp.gov>***

- Customs forms

***<http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/toolbox/forms/>***

### **IV. U.S. IMPORT DATA – <http://www.usitc.gov> and <http://www.census.gov>**

- Comprehensive database of statistics on U.S. imports<sup>1</sup>
- U.S. import statistics by preference program (such as GSP)
- U.S. import statistics by HTS code, Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) and Standard International Trade Classification (SITC)
- U.S. import statistics by other groupings -- product, country or country group and U.S. export/import port
- U.S. import statistics on an annual, quarterly, or monthly basis, from 1989 to the most recent available month (usually two months prior to the present)

***[http://dataweb.usitc.gov/scripts/user\\_set.asp](http://dataweb.usitc.gov/scripts/user_set.asp)***

- U.S. Census monthly trade reports, “U.S. International Trade in Goods and Services”
- U.S. Census statistics on imports, by trading partner, and by U.S. State
- U.S. Census historical data series from 1960 to present

***<http://www.census.gov>***

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<sup>1</sup> U.S. import data from this resource can be used to calculate utilization rates under U.S. preference programs, such as GSP.