

OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Generalized System of Preferences (GSP): Notice Regarding the 2001 and 2002 Annual Reviews

AGENCY: Office of the United States
Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) received petitions in 2001 and 2002 to modify the list of products that are eligible for duty-free treatment under the GSP program, and to modify the GSP status of certain GSP beneficiary developing countries because of country practices. This notice announces the combined product petitions from both 2001 and 2002 that are accepted for review in the 2002 GSP Annual Review, and sets forth the schedule for comment and public hearing on these petitions, for requesting participation in the hearing, and for submitting pre-hearing and post-hearing briefs. The list of country practice petitions accepted for review will be announced in the **Federal Register** at a later date.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact the GSP Subcommittee of the Trade Policy Staff Committee, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 1724 F Street, NW., Room F-220, Washington, DC 20508. The telephone number is (202) 395-6971 and the facsimile number is (202) 395-9481.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The GSP provides for the duty-free importation of designated articles when imported from designated beneficiary developing countries. The GSP is authorized by title V of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2461, *et seq.*), as amended (the "1974 Act"), and is implemented in accordance with Executive Order 11888 of November 24, 1975, as modified by subsequent Executive Orders and Presidential Proclamations.

In a **Federal Register** notice dated April 13, 2001, USTR initiated the 2001 GSP Annual Review and announced a deadline of June 13, 2001, for the filing of petitions (66 FR 19278). In a **Federal Register** notice dated November 1, 2002, USTR initiated the 2002 GSP Annual Review and announced a deadline of December 2, 2002, for the filing of petitions (67 FR 66699). The product petitions received requested changes in the eligibility of products by adding or removing products, or by waiving the "competitive need limitations" (CNLs) for a country for eligible articles. Authorization for granting CNL waivers is set forth in section 503(d) of the 1974 Act (19 U.S.C. 2463(d)).

The GSP program expired on October 1, 2001, and was not reauthorized until August 6, 2002. Consequently, the announcement of which petitions were to be accepted for the 2001 Annual GSP Review was not made, except for the announcement in the August 28, 2002 **Federal Register** of those petitions accepted for the Special Three Country Review for Argentina, the Philippines and Turkey. The outstanding 2001 petitions have been merged into the 2002 GSP Annual Review.

The interagency GSP Subcommittee of the Trade Policy Staff Committee (TPSC) has reviewed the product petitions, and the TPSC has decided to initiate a full review of 47 of them. Annex II to this notice sets forth the case number, Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS) subheading number, brief description of the product (*see* the HTS for an authoritative description available on the U.S. International Trade Commission (USITC) Web site <http://www.usitc.gov/taffairs.htm>), the change requested, and the petitioner for each petition included in this review. Acceptance of a petition for review does not indicate any opinion with respect to disposition on the merits of the petition. Acceptance indicates only that the listed petitions have been found eligible for review by the TPSC and that such review will take place.

Modifications to the list of articles eligible for duty-free treatment under the GSP resulting from the 2002 Annual Review will be announced on or about June 30, 2003, in the **Federal Register**, and any changes will take effect on the effective date to be announced.

Opportunities for Public Comment and Inspection of Comments

The GSP Subcommittee of the TPSC invites comments in support of or in opposition to any petition which is included in this Annual Review. Submissions should comply with 15 CFR part 2007, including sections 2007.0 and 2007.1, except as modified below. All submissions should identify the subject article(s) in terms of the case number and HTS subheading number as shown in Annex II. The GSP regulations (15 CFR part 2007) provide the schedule of dates for conducting an annual review unless otherwise specified in a **Federal Register** notice. The revised schedule for public comment and hearings is contained in Annex I.

Requirements for Submissions

In order to facilitate prompt processing of submissions, USTR strongly urges and prefers electronic e-mail submissions in response to this

notice. Hand delivered submissions will not be accepted. These submissions should be single copy transmissions in English with the total submission not to exceed 50 single-spaced pages. E-mail submissions should use the following subject line: "2002 GSP Annual Review" followed by the Case Number and HTS subheading number found in the Annex II (for example, 2002-47 9405.50.40) and, as appropriate "Written Comments", "Notice of Intent to Testify", "Pre-hearing brief", "Post-hearing brief" or "Comments on USITC Advice". (For example, an e-mail subject line might read "2002-47 9405.50.40 Written Comments".) Documents, in English, must be submitted as either WordPerfect (.WPD), MSWord (.DOC), or text (.TXT) files. Documents should not be submitted as electronic image files or contain imbedded images (for example, ".JPG", ".PDF", ".BMP", or ".GIF") as these type files are generally excessively large. E-mail submissions containing such files may not be accepted. Supporting documentation submitted as spreadsheets are acceptable as Quattro Pro or Excel suitable for printing only on 8½ x 11 inch paper. To the extent possible, any data attachments to the submission should be included in the same file as the submission itself, and not as separate files.

If the submission contains business confidential information, a non-confidential version of the submission must also be submitted that indicates where confidential information was redacted by inserting asterisks where material was deleted. In addition, the confidential submission must be clearly marked "Business Confidential" at the top and bottom of each and every page of the document. The public version which does not contain business confidential information must also be clearly marked at the top and bottom of each and every page (either "Public Version" or "Non-Confidential").

For any document containing business confidential information submitted as an electronic attached file to an e-mail transmission, the file name of the business confidential version should begin with the characters "BC-", and the file name of the public version should begin with the characters "P-". The "P-" or "BC-" should be followed by the name of the party (government, company, union, association, etc.) which is making the submission. E-mail submissions should not include separate cover letters or messages in the message area of the e-mail; information that might appear in any cover letter should be included directly in the attached file containing the submission

itself. The e-mail address for these submissions is FR0052@USTR.GOV. Documents not submitted in accordance with these instructions might not be considered in this review.

Information submitted will be subject to public inspection shortly after the relevant due dates by appointment with the staff of the USTR public reading room, except for information submitted that is granted "business confidential" status pursuant to 15 CFR 2003.6 and other qualifying information submitted in confidence pursuant to 15 CFR 2007.7. Public versions of all documents relating to this review will be available for review after the relevant due date by appointment in the USTR public reading room, 1724 F Street NW., Washington, DC. Appointments may be made from 9:30 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, by calling (202) 395-6186.

Notice of Public Hearings

Hearings will be held by the GSP Subcommittee of the TPSC on April 10 and 11, 2003, beginning at 10 a.m. at the U.S. International Trade Commission, Main Hearing Room, 500 E Street, SW.,

Washington, DC 20436. The hearings will be open to the public and a transcript of the hearings will be made available for public inspection or can be purchased from the reporting company. No electronic media coverage will be allowed.

All interested parties wishing to make an oral presentation at the hearings must submit the name, address, telephone number, and facsimile number and email address, if available, of the witness(es) representing their organization to the Chairman of the GSP Subcommittee by 5 p.m., March 24, 2003. Requests to present oral testimony in connection with the public hearings must be accompanied by a written brief or statement, in English, and also must be received by 5 p.m., March 24, 2003. Oral testimony before the GSP Subcommittee will be limited to five-minute presentations that summarize or supplement information contained in briefs or statements submitted for the record. Post-hearing briefs or statements will be accepted if they conform with the regulations cited above and are submitted, in English, by 5 p.m., April 28, 2003. Parties not wishing to appear

at the public hearings may submit post-hearing written briefs or statements, in English, by 5 p.m., April 28, 2003.

In accordance with sections 503(a)(1)(A), 503(e) and 131(a) of the 1974 Act and authority delegated by the President, the U.S. Trade Representative has requested that the USITC, pursuant to section 332(g) of the Tariff Act of 1930, provide its advice with respect to the probable economic effect on United States industries producing like or directly competitive articles and on consumers of the elimination of U.S. import duties for all beneficiary developing countries, and, with respect to certain articles, the effect of the elimination of United States import duties for least-developed beneficiary developing countries. Comments by interested persons on the USITC Report prepared as part of the product review should be submitted by 5 p.m., June 9, 2003.

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Annex I

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20508

GSP – 2002 ANNUAL REVIEWS**PUBLIC COMMENT AND HEARING SCHEDULE**

March 24, 2003	Due Date for Requests to Appear at Public Hearings and Submission of Pre-hearing Briefs.
	Due Date for Providing the Name, Address, Telephone, Fax, Email Address and Organization of Witnesses.
April 8, 2003	U.S. International Trade Commission (USITC) scheduled hearings on economic effect on U.S. industries.
April 10 and 11, 2003	TPSC GSP Subcommittee Public Hearings to Be Held at U.S. International Trade Commission (USITC) Main Hearing Room, 500 E Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20436.
April 28, 2003	Due Date for Submission of Post-hearing and Rebuttal Briefs.
June 2, 2003	USITC Scheduled to Publish Report to the President.
June 30, 2003	Annual Review Decisions Scheduled to Be Announced on or about this Date.
For Further Information Contact:	GSP Information Center Office of the U.S. Trade Representative 1724 F Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20508 T-202-395-6971; F-202-395-9481
For Public Documents Related to this Review:	USTR Public Reading Room, 1724 F Street N.W., Washington, D.C. Appointments May Be Made from 9:30 A.M. to Noon and 1 P.M. to 4 P.M., Monday Through Friday by Calling (202) 395-6186.
Notification of Any Changes Will Be Given in the <i>Federal Register</i> .	

Annex II

The Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS) subheadings listed below have been accepted as product petitions for the 2002 Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) Annual Review for modification of the GSP. The tariff nomenclature in the HTS for the subheadings listed below are definitive; the product descriptions in this list are for informational purposes only (except in those cases where only part of a subheading is the subject of a petition). The descriptions below are not intended to delimit in any way the scope of the subheading. The HTS may be viewed on <http://www.usitc.gov/taffairs.htm>.

Case	HTS	Brief Description	Petitioner
No.	Subheading		
A. <u>Petitions to add products to the list of eligible articles for the Generalized System of Preferences.</u>			
2002-01	0406.20.51	Romano, reggiano, provolone, provoletti, sbrinz and goya, made from cow's milk, grated or powdered, subject to additional U.S. note 21 to chapter 4 of the HTS	Lactosan (Uruguay) S.A., Uruguay
2002-02	0710.22.37	Beans not elsewhere specified or included, uncooked or cooked by steaming or boiling in water, frozen, not reduced in size	United Company for Food Industries-"Montana", Egypt
2002-03	0710.22.40	Beans, uncooked or cooked by steaming or boiling in water, frozen, reduced in size	do.
2002-04	0710.30.00	Spinach, New Zealand spinach and orache spinach (garden spinach), uncooked or cooked by steaming or boiling in water, frozen	do.
2002-05	0710.80.97(pt)	Broccoli, uncooked or cooked by steaming or boiling in water, frozen, reduced in size	do.
2002-06	0710.80.9730	Cauliflower, uncooked or cooked by steaming or boiling in water, frozen, reduced in size	do.
2002-07	0710.90.91	Mixtures of vegetables not elsewhere specified or included, uncooked or cooked by steaming or boiling in water, frozen	do.
2002-08	0804.20.80	Figs, fresh or dried, other than whole	Government of Turkey
2002-09	1508.10.00 <u>1/</u>	Crude peanut (ground-nut) oil	Government of Argentina; Camera Industrial de Aceites Vegetales de Cordoba, Argentina
2002-10	1508.90.00	Peanut (ground-nut) oil, other than crude, and its fractions, whether or not refined, but not chemically modified	do.
2002-11	1604.13.20 <u>2/</u>	Sardines, not smoked, sardinella, brisling or sprats, neither skinned nor boned, in oil, in airtight containers	Government of Morocco
2002-12	1604.13.30 <u>2/</u>	Sardines, not smoked, sardinella, brisling or sprats, skinned or boned, in oil, in airtight containers	do.

1/ The petitioners also requests a waiver of the competitive need limits specified in section 503(c)(2)(A) of the 1974 Act for Argentina on the articles provided for in this subheading.

2/ The petitioner also requests a waiver of the competitive need limits specified in section 503(c)(2)(A) of the 1974 Act for Morocco on the articles provided for in this subheading.

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Case No.	HTS Subheading	Brief Description	Petitioner
A. <u>Petitions to add products to the list of eligible articles for the Generalized System of Preferences.</u> (con.)			
2002-13	2001.90.20 <u>1/</u>	Capers, prepared or preserved by vinegar or acetic acid, other than in immediate containers holding more than 3.4 kg	Government of Morocco Government of Turkey
2002-14	2008.19.20	Filberts, otherwise prepared or preserved, not elsewhere specified or included	Government of Turkey
2002-15	2009.31.6020 <u>2/</u>	Lemon juice, of a Brix value not exceeding 20, concentrated, frozen	Government of Argentina; Chamber of Citrus Processors of Argentina; C&H Sales Co, La Mirada, CA; Citroil Enterprises, Inc., Carlstadt, NJ; Maritime Exchange for the Delaware River and Bay, Philadelphia, PA; Pasco Beverage Company, Dade City, FL; Sales USA, Inc., Salado, TX; Sourcelink LLC, Sarasota, FL
2002-16	2009.39.6020 <u>2/</u>	Lemon juice, of a Brix value exceeding 20, frozen	do.
2002-17	2903.69.70 (pt)	p-Chlorobenzotrifluoride	Milenia Agro Ciencias S.A., Brazil
2002-18	2903.69.70 (pt)	3,4-Dichlorobenzotrifluoride	do.
2002-19	2917.12.10	Adipic acid	Rhodia Poliamida Ltda., Brazil
2002-20	2921.43.15	α, α, α -Trifluoro-2,6-dinitro-N,N-dipropyl-p-toluidine (Trifluralin)	Government of Argentina; Albaugh, Inc., St. Joseph, MO; Atanor, S.A., Argentina; Milenia Agro Ciencias S.A., Brazil
2002-21	2921.43.80 (pt)	N-Ethyl-N- (2-methyl-2-propenyl) -2,6-dinitro-4- (trifluoromethyl)benzenamine	Milenia Agro Ciencias S.A., Brazil
2002-22	2922.42.10	Monosodium glutamate	Ajinomota USA, Eddyville, IO; Ajinomoto Interamericana Ind. E Com. Ltda., Brazil; Ajinomoto Biolatina Ind e Com. Ltda., Brazil

1/ The Government of Morocco also requests a waiver of the competitive need limits specified in section 503(c)(2)(A) of the 1974 Act for Morocco on the articles provided for in this subheading.

2/ The petitioners also requests a waiver of the competitive need limits specified in section 503(c)(2)(A) of the 1974 Act for Argentina on the articles provided for in this subheading.

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2/ The petitioners also requests a waiver of the competitive need limits specified in section 503(c)(2)(A) of the 1974 Act for Kazakhstan on the articles provided for in this subheading.

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Case No.	HTS Subheading	Brief Description	Petitioner
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B. <u>Petition to add a product to the list of eligible articles for the Generalized System of Preferences only for countries designated as a least-developed beneficiary country in general note 4(b)(i) of the HTS. (con.)</u>			
2002-31	8215.99.10	Other forks, with stainless steel handles, valued under 25¢ each	Government of Bangladesh
2002-32	8215.99.30	Spoons, with stainless steel handles and valued under 25 cents each	do.
C. <u>Petitions to remove duty-free status from beneficiary developing country/countries for a product on the list of eligible articles for Generalized System of Preferences. 1/</u>			
2002-33	8108.90.60 (Russia)	Wrought titanium, not elsewhere specified or included	Titanium Metals Corporation, Denver, CO
D. <u>Petitions for waiver of competitive need limits for a product on the list of eligible products for the Generalized System of Preferences.</u>			
2002-34	0813.10.00 (Turkey)	Apricots, dried	Government of Turkey
2002-35	2909.19.14 (Brazil)	Methyl tertiary-butyl ether (MTBE)	Copesul-Companhia Petroquimica Do Sul, Brazil; Copesul International Trading Inc., Brazil; Petroleo Brasileiro S.A., Brazil
2002-36	7113.19.29 (Turkey)	Gold necklaces and neck chains (other than of rope or mixed links)	Istanbul Maden ve Metaller Ihracatcilari Birligi, Turkey
2002-37	7202.50.00 (Kazakhstan)	Ferrosilicon chromium	Transnatsionalnaya Kompaniya ("Kazachrome"), Kazakhstan; Considar Inc., New York, NY
2002-38	7418.19.10 (India)	Copper table, kitchen or other household articles and parts thereof, coated or plated with precious metals	Government of India
2002-39	7418.19.50 (India)	Copper (other than brass) table, kitchen or other household articles and parts thereof, not coated or plated with precious metals	do.
2002-40	8413.30.10 (Brazil)	Fuel-injection pumps for compression-ignition engines, not fitted with a measuring device	Robert Bosch Ltda. of Brazil, Brazil

1/ The country named is the beneficiary developing country specified by the petitioner. While the Trade Policy Staff Committee (TPSC) review will focus on that country, the TPSC reserves the right to address removal of GSP status for countries other than those specified by the petitioner as well as the GSP status of the entire article.

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Case No.	HTS Subheading	Brief Description	Petitioner

D. Petitions for waiver of competitive need limits for a product on the list of eligible products for the Generalized System of Preferences. (con.)

2002-41	8414.51.00(pt) (Thailand)	Ceiling fans for permanent installation	Hunter Fan Company, Memphis, TN; Compass East Industries (Thailand) Public Company Limited, Thailand
2002-42	8528.12.28 (Thailand)	Non-high definition color television reception apparatus, non-projection type, with a video display diagonal exceeding 35.56 cm, incorporating video recording or reproducing apparatus	JVC Americas Corporation, Wayne, NJ
2002-43	8544.30.00 (Thailand)	Insulated ignition wiring sets and other wiring sets of a kind used in vehicles, aircraft or ships	Yazaki North America, Inc., Canton, MI
2002-44	8708.99.67 (Brazil)	Other parts of power trains of motor vehicles of headings 8701 to 8705 except tractors suitable for agricultural use	Sindicato Nacional da Industria de Componentes Para Veiculos Automotores, Brazil
2002-45	9405.50.20 (India)	Non-electrical incandescent lamps designed to be operated by propane or other gas, or by compressed air and kerosene or gasoline	Government of India
2002-46	9405.50.30 (India)	Non-electrical lamps and lighting fixtures, not elsewhere specified or included, of brass	do.
2002-47	9405.50.40 (India)	Non-electrical lamps and lighting fixtures not elsewhere specified or included, other than of brass	do.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

**Aviation Proceedings, Agreements
Filed the Week Ending February 28,
2003**

The following agreements were filed with the Department of Transportation under the provisions of 49 U.S.C. sections 412 and 414. Answers may be filed within 21 days after the filing of the application.

Docket Number: OST-2003-14613.

Date Filed: February 27, 2003.

Parties: Members of the International Air Transport Association.

Subject: PTC2 EUR-ME 0153 dated 28 January 2003, TC2 Europe-Israel Resolutions, Minutes—PTC2 EUR-ME 0154 dated 14 February 2003, Tables—PTC2 EUR-ME Fares 0069 dated 31

January 2003, Intended effective date: 1 April 2003.

Docket Number: OST-2003-14617.

Date Filed: February 28, 2003.

Parties: Members of the International Air Transport Association.

Subject: PTC COMP 1016 dated 4 March 2003.

Mail Vote 269—Resolution 010q r1–
r2,

TC2/TC12/TC23 Special Passenger
Amending Resolution from Egypt.

Intended effective date: 15 March 2003.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

Notice of Applications for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and Foreign Air Carrier Permits Filed Under Subpart B (Formerly Subpart Q) during the Week Ending February 28, 2003

The following applications for certificates of public convenience and necessity and foreign air carrier permits were filed under subpart B (formerly subpart Q) of the Department of Transportation's procedural regulations (*See* 14 CFR 301.201 *et. seq.*). The due date for answers, conforming applications, or motions to modify scope are set forth below for each application. Following the answer period DOT may process the application by expedited procedures. Such procedures may consist of the adoption of a show-cause order, a tentative order,