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MEMORANDUM FOR: Directors, Field Operations

FROM: Executive Director, Trade Policy and Programs
Office of International Trade

SUBJECT: **Guidance:** Changes to the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP)

This is to advise you that there are changes to the duty-free treatment of certain articles under the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) program (see attached Presidential Proclamation, dated June 29, 2010). These changes are effective with respect to goods entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, on or after July 1, 2010.

As General Note 4 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) has been updated to reflect these changes and ABI programming is complete, this memo is for your information only.

The following product/country combinations are no longer eligible for GSP preference, as the President has determined that they are sufficiently competitive in the U.S. market and no longer need GSP treatment:

1605.20.05	Shrimp and prawn products containing fish meat	Thailand
4011.10.10	New pneumatic rubber radial tires	Thailand
4409.29.05	Nonconiferous wood	Brazil
7113.19.21	Gold rope necklaces and neck chains	India
7113.19.25	Gold mixed link necklaces and neck chains	India

Therefore, these goods are not eligible for GSP preference when originating in the specified countries if the goods are entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, on or after July 1, 2010.

The following products are now eligible for GSP preference from all GSP-eligible countries and not only from Lesser-Developed Beneficiary Developing Countries (LDBDCs):

0710.22.40	Frozen beans
0710.90.91	Frozen mixed vegetables

Therefore, frozen beans properly classified under 0710.22.40 and frozen mixed vegetables, properly classified under 0710.90.91 originating in any GSP-eligible country can now receive GSP preference if all of the terms identified in General Note 4 are met.

Copies of this memorandum should be made available to Port Directors, Assistant Port Directors, Supervisory Import Specialists, Import Specialists, Importers, Brokers and other interested parties.

Questions regarding this memorandum can be directed to Ms. Heather Sykes, Trade Agreements and International Trade Policy Division, at (202) 863-6099.



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Attachments