

THE GENERAL SYSTEM OF PREFERENCE (GSP)

The U. S. Government initiated a **General System of Preference** in 1976 to allow for the duty free importation of certain items manufactured in a select group of underdeveloped countries. Such is designed to help these underdeveloped countries to improve their financial and economic condition through an increase in export trading. To qualify for GSP entry into the U. S., the article must be purchased in the beneficiary country and must be imported directly into the United States from that country.

The list of eligible articles and beneficiary countries is reviewed annually by the Federal Government to determine if the duty free importation of the article is becoming detrimental to the U. S. domestic industry on that articles or if the economic status of the beneficiary country has improved substantially to allow for the removal of the country from "underdeveloped nation" status. Due to the constant changing status within other groupings, please consult with the U. S. Embassy or Consulate nearest you within the beneficiary country to determine the scope of the GSP as it may apply to those items which you wish to purchase.

If you wish to import items under the General System of Preference, you must make a separate declaration of such articles. The listing must accompany the Form 3299 and the Special Declaration at the time the Customs Entry is filed with U. S. Customs. The GSP listing should have attachments consisting of commercial invoices duly notarized with the originating country to verify as to the origin of the item/product and if the value of items is in excess of US\$ 250.00, a special Form A must be obtained by you from the U. S. Consulate at the point of origin to further substantiate the validity for GSP status. U. S. Customs, however, will make the final determination as to the validity, and will allow duty free or assess duty as they deem appropriate. If duty is assessed at the time of the customs release, petition for relief or reconsideration can be made to the District Director of Customs, having jurisdiction over the port at which the shipment cleared.

Partial List of Eligible Manufactures

BASKETS or bags of bamboo, willow, or rattan.

CAMERAS, motion-picture and still; lenses; and other photographic equipment (except from Korea, Taiwan and Hong Kong.)

CANDY

CHINAWARE, bone: household ware; and other articles such as vases, statues, figurines; non-bone: articles other than household ware.

CIGARETTE LIGHTERS, pocket and table.

CORK, manufactures of.

EARTHENWARE or stoneware except household ware available in sets.

FLOWERS, artificial, of plastic or feathers (except from Hong Kong or Taiwan.)

FURNITURE of: wood, except chairs, director's folding chairs and furniture other than chairs, all

from Taiwan; rattan, plastic.

GAMES, played on boards: chess, backgammon, darts, Mah-Jong (except from Taiwan.)
GOLF BALLS and EQUIPMENT.

IVORY, beads and other manufactures of ivory (except from Hong Kong. CAUTION: You may be required to prove the source of the Ivory. If from an animal on the endangered species list, the article will be subject to confiscation.

JADE, cut but not set for use in jewelry and other articles of jade.

JEWELRY of precious metal, or precious stones, or of precious metal set with semi-precious stones, cameos, intaglios, amber or coral.

JEWELRY AND MUSIC BOXES, unlined (except from Taiwan).

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS (except drums from Taiwan or Pianos from Korea.)

PAPER, manufactures of.

PERFUME.

PRINTED MATTER.

RADIO RECEIVERS, solid state (but not for motor vehicle installation and not from Hong Kong, Taiwan, Singapore, Korea.)

RECORDS, phonograph and tapes.

SHAVERS, electric.

SHELL, manufactures of.

SILVER, tableware and flatware.

SKIS and SKI EQUIPMENT, excluding ski boots.

TAPE RECORDERS (except from Taiwan and Korea.)

TOYS (except certain items from Hong Kong, Taiwan, and Korea.)

WIGS.

WOOD, carvings (except from Taiwan.)

List of Beneficiary Countries

Angola	Dominica	Malaysia	Sierra Leone
Antigua	Dominican Republic	Maldives	Singapore
Barbuda	Ecuador	Mali	Solomon Islands
Argentina	Egypt	Malta	Somalia
Aruba	El Salvador	Mauritania	Sri Lanka
Bahamas	Equatorial Guinea	Mauritius	Surinam
Bahrain	Fiji	Mexico	Swaziland
Bangladesh	Gambia	Morocco	Syria
Barbados	Ghana	Mozambique	Taiwan
Belize	Grenada	Nauru	Tanzania
Benin	Guatemala	Nepal	Thailand
Bhutan	Guinea	Niger	Togo
BOlivia	Guinea Bissau	Oman	Tonga
Botswana	Guyana	Pakistan	Trinidad and Tobago
Brazil	Haiti	Panama	Tunisia
Brunei	Honduras	Papua New Guinea	Turkey
Burkina Faso	India	Peru	Tuvalu
Burma	Indonesia	Philippines	Uganda
Burundi	Israel	Rwanda	Uruguay
Cameroon	Ivory Coast	Saint Lucia	Vanuatu
Cape Verde	Jamaica	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	Venezuela
Central Afr. Rep.	Jordan	Sao Tome and Principe	Western Samoa
Chad	Kenya	Senegal	Yemen (Sanaa)
Chile	Kiribati	Seychelles	Yugoslavia
Colombia	Korea, Republic of		Zaire
Comoros	Lebanon		Zambia
Congo	Lesotho		Zimbabwe
Costa Rica	Liberia		
Cyprus	Madagascar		
Djibouti	Malawi		

