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TRADE ALERT FOR U.S. IMPORTERS: Unclaimed GSP Funds

Many products that were exported to the U.S. between January and November in 2011 from Thailand were not claimed under GSP. (GSP had not yet been renewed and exporters and U.S. importers may have thought it was not necessary to claim GSP duty-free treatment.)

However, when Congress renewed GSP, they gave U.S. importers the opportunity to apply for tariff refunds of any GSP-eligible product that was imported into the U.S. between January through October 2011.

Claims for tariff refunds for products that were imported into the U.S. last year (when GSP was not yet renewed) must be submitted to U.S. Customs before Wednesday April 18^{th,} 2012.

To claim a refund, a "post-entry amendment" must be filed with U.S. Customs and Border Patrol in writing by April 18, and with the following information: importer name, entry number, tariff line number, and refund amount.

Questions? Email FTA@dhs.gov

GSP Claimed and Unclaimed from Thailand for Top Exports in 2011

Article and Tariff	<u>Claimed</u>	<u>Unclaimd</u>	Unclaimed% Money Lost
Silver jewelry: 5%	\$ 594.7m	\$ 81.1m	13.6% \$ 4.0 m
Radial tires 4%	\$ 352.2m	\$ 61.5m	17.5% \$ 2.5m
Rubber gloves 3%	\$ 140.9m	\$ 29.2m	20.7% \$ 875,300
Food preparations 6.4% Air conditioner parts	\$ 132.9m	\$ 4.8m	3.6% \$ 308,000
1.4%	\$ 102.1m	\$ 56.8m	55.7% \$ 796,200
Ignition wiring sets 5%	\$ 63.5m	\$ 51.7m	81.4% \$ 2.6m
Eyeglass lenses 2%	\$ 49.9m	\$ 36.8m	73.6% \$ 736,100

What products are eligible for GSP duty-free treatment?

Eligible:

- Machinery, electronics, transportation items
- Jewelry
- Chemicals, marble, and minerals
- Plastic and rubber items
- Agricultural products that do not conflict with U.S production

Products NOT eligible for GSP

- Non-silk blend textile and apparel items
- Most watches
- Most footwear, handbags, and luggage
- Flat goods (non-silk kitchen and bed linens)
- Work gloves
- Most apparel of leather
- Import-sensitive electronic, steel, and semimanufactured and manufactured glass items

How can Thailand's exports qualify for duty-free treatment under GSP?

Four Requirements:

- 1. Must be a GSP-eligible product
- 2. Must be exported into the U.S. directly from Thailand or pass through another country on a "through bill of landing" (addressed to a U.S. location)
- 3. Must be a product of Thailand, or, if it uses imported input, local content and processing must equal at least 35% of overall price to U.S. importer
- 4. U.S. importer must request duty-free treatment for the product by writing an "A" before tariff number on U.S. Customs Entry Form (Form 7501)

<u>Is my product eligible for duty-free</u> <u>treatment under GSP?</u>

- The easiest way to find out is to go to:
 - http://dataweb.usitc.gov/scripts/tariff_current.asp
- Fill in the blank with:
 - Any part of a product description. For example, "cocoa"
 OR
 - The tariff number (four, six, or eight numbers). For example, 2007, 200799, or 20079925
- Then click on "List Items"
- If there is an "A" or "A*" in the row entitled "GSP (Generalized System of Preferences)", then the product is eligible for duty-free treatment from Thailand

Claiming GSP duty-free treatment

<u>U.S. importer</u> MUST REQUEST duty-free treatment for the import

 How? Importer writes an "A" before the tariff number on Customs entry form 7501

 If importer forgets: can apply to U.S. Customs for refund

Make sure importer marks an "A" before the tariff number on the Customs entry form!

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