

List of countries considered "vulnerable" in the sense of Article 8 of the GSP Regulation 2009-2011

According to article 8 of the COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) 732/2008 applying a scheme of generalised tariff preferences for the period from 1 January 2009 to 31 December 2011 and amending Regulations (EC) No 552/97, No 1933/2006 and Commission Regulations (EC) No 1100/2006 and No 964/2007:

"1. The special incentive arrangement for sustainable development and good governance may be granted to a country which:

- (a) has ratified and effectively implemented all the conventions listed in Annex III;
- (b) gives an undertaking to maintain the ratification of the conventions and their implementing legislation and measures, and accepts regular monitoring and review of its implementation record in accordance with the implementation provisions of the conventions it has ratified, and
- (c) is considered to be a vulnerable country as defined in paragraph 2.

2. For the purposes of this Section a vulnerable country means a country:

- (a) which is not classified by the World Bank as a high-income country during three consecutive years, and of which the five largest sections of its **GSP-covered imports into the Community represent more than 75 % in value of its total GSP-covered imports**, and
- (b) of which the **GSP-covered imports into the Community represent less than 1 % in value of the total GSP-covered imports into the Community**.

The data to be used are:

- (a) for the purpose of Article 9(a)(i) - those available on 1 September 2007, as an annual average over three consecutive years;
- (b) for the purpose of Article 9(a)(ii) – those available on 1 September 2009, as an annual average over three consecutive years"

On the basis of the statistics available on 1 September 2009, the countries and territories identified in the list below as "vul" are those which may be considered vulnerable countries in the sense of article 8.2 for the purpose of Article 9(a)(i).

Countries + territories		High-income country	Share of total GSP covered imports (<1.0 %)	Share of 5 largest sections (> 75%)
<i>Afghanistan</i> *	vul		0,00%	96.3%
Algeria	vul		0,75%	97,6%
American Samoa	vul		0,00%	94,8%
<i>Angola</i> *	vul		0,04%	98.7%
Anguilla	vul		0,00%	99,0%

Countries + territories		High-income country	Share of total GSP covered imports (<1.0 %)	Share of 5 largest sections (> 75%)
Antarctica	vul		0,00%	100%
Antigua and Barbuda		X	0,00%	89.9%
Argentina	vul		0,86%	76.1%
Armenia	vul		0,06%	99,2%
Aruba		X	0,06%	100%

Countries + territories		High-income country	Share of total GSP covered imports (<1.0 %)	Share of 5 largest sections (> 75%)
Azerbaijan	vul		0,08%	89.6%
Bahamas		X	0,02%	97.3%
Bahrain		X	0,19%	92.9%
<i>Bangladesh</i> *			1.96%	98,8%
Barbados		X	0,00%	92,6%
Belarus **			0,33%	69.5%
Belize	vul		0,01%	96,0%
<i>Benin</i> *	vul		0,00%	93.8%
Bermuda		X	0,01%	99.7%
<i>Bhutan</i> *	vul		0,00%	95.1%
Bolivia	vul		0,01%	81.7%
Botswana	vul		0,00%	99,1%
Bouvet Island	vul		0,00%	100%
Brazil			3,28%	64.6%
British Indian Ocean Territory	vul		0,00%	99.0%
Brunei Darussalam		X	0,01%	98.3%
<i>Burkina Faso</i> *	vul		0,00%	93.3%
<i>Burundi</i> *	vul		0,00%	98,4%
<i>Cambodia</i> *	vul		0,26%	99,9%
Cameroon	vul		0,05%	96.1%
<i>Cape Verde</i> *	vul		0,01%	95,6%
Cayman Islands		X	0,01%	98.6%
<i>Central African Republic</i> *	vul		0,00%	95.3%
<i>Chad</i> *	vul		0,00%	96.8%

Countries + territories		High-income country	Share of total GSP covered imports (<1.0 %)	Share of 5 largest sections (> 75%)
China People's Republic of			47.4%	74.3%
Christmas Islands	vul		0,00%	97.2%
Cocos Islands (or Keeling Islands)	vul		0,00%	96.1%
Colombia	vul		0,27%	78,3%
<i>Comoros</i> *	vul		0,00%	99.8%
Congo	vul		0,01%	90,8%
<i>Congo, Democratic Republic of</i> *	vul		0,00%	86,4%
Cook Islands	vul		0,00%	88.4%
Costa Rica	vul		0,26%	97.5%
Côte d'Ivoire	vul		0,28%	97,6%
Cuba	vul		0,07%	98.2%
<i>Djibouti</i> *	vul		0,00%	94.5%
Dominica	vul		0,00%	94.4%
Dominican Republic	vul		0,06%	83.4%
Ecuador	vul		0,37%	98,6%
Egypt			1,00%	82.6%
El Salvador	vul		0,03%	97.2%
<i>Equatorial Guinea</i> *	vul		0,07%	99,3%
<i>Eritrea</i> *	vul		0,00%	97.9%
<i>Ethiopia</i> *	vul		0,03%	96.0%
Falkland Islands	vul		0,04%	100%
Fiji	vul		0,00%	97.0%

Countries + territories		High-income country	Share of total GSP covered imports (<1.0 %)	Share of 5 largest sections (> 75%)
French Polynesia		X	0,01%	82.9%
French Southern Territories	vul		0,00%	99,9%
Gabon	vul		0,05%	99,1%
<i>Gambia</i> *	vul		0,00%	96,3%
Georgia	vul		0,03%	92.2%
Ghana	vul		0,11%	94,9%
Gibraltar	vul		0,02%	98,1%
Greenland		X	0,11%	99,8%
Grenada	vul		0,00%	95,0%
Guam		X	0,00%	96,3%
Guatemala	vul		0,05%	96.0%
<i>Guinea</i> *	vul		0,01%	94.0%
<i>Guinea-Bissau</i>	vul		0,00%	98,3%
Guyana	vul		0,00%	97.8%
<i>Haiti</i> *	vul		0,01%	98.7%
Heard Island and McDonald Islands	vul		0,00%	100%
Honduras	vul		0,06%	97.9%
India			6,70%	69.4%
Indonesia			2,46%	72,5%
Iran	vul		0,30%	82.1%
Iraq	vul		0,00%	98,8%
Jamaica	vul		0,01%	95.3%
Jordan	vul		0,05%	80.4%
Kazakhstan	vul		0,35%	96.9%

Countries + territories		High-income country	Share of total GSP covered imports (<1.0 %)	Share of 5 largest sections (> 75%)
Kenya	vul		0,29%	98.0%
<i>Kiribati</i> *	vul		0,00%	99.2%
Kuwait		X	0,66%	99.3%
Kyrgyzstan	vul		0,00%	89.6%
<i>Lao People's Democratic Republic</i> *	vul		0,05%	99,7%
Lebanon	vul		0,06%	75.9%
<i>Lesotho</i> *	vul		0,00%	99.9%
<i>Liberia</i> *	vul		0,00%	95.3%
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	vul		0,53%	99,8%
Macao		X	0,15%	97.1%
<i>Madagascar</i> *	vul		0,16%	96.0%
<i>Malawi</i> *	vul		0,05%	99,9%
Malaysia			2,28%	78,0%
<i>Maldives</i> *	vul		0,02%	99.9%
<i>Mali</i> *	vul		0,00%	78,3%
Marshall Islands	vul		0,00%	95.1%
<i>Mauritania</i> *	vul		0,04%	99,6%
Mauritius	vul		0,27%	94,3%
Mayotte	vul		0,00%	95.4%
Mexico			1,83%	87.2%
Micronesia, Federated States of	vul		0,00%	100%
Mongolia	vul		0,01%	94.0%
Montserrat	vul		0,00%	98.2%
Morocco			2,25%	82.6%

Countries + territories		High-income country	Share of total GSP covered imports (<1.0 %)	Share of 5 largest sections (> 75%)
<i>Mozambique</i> *	vul		0,04%	99,2%
<i>Myanmar</i> */**	vul		0,08%	99,4%
Namibia	vul		0,10%	98,5%
Nauru	vul		0,00%	99,5%
<i>Nepal</i> *	vul		0,03%	96,1%
Netherlands Antilles		X	0,04%	97,9%
New Caledonia		X	0,01%	93,5%
Nicaragua	vul		0,02%	98,6%
<i>Niger</i> *	vul		0,00%	88,9%
Nigeria	vul		0,18%	90,8%
Niue	vul		0,00%	98,7%
Norfolk Island	vul		0,00%	100%
Northern Mariana Islands	vul		0,00%	100%
Oman	vul		0,08%	89,6%
Pakistan			1,15%	95,6%
Palau	vul		0,00%	98,5%
Panama	vul		0,05%	94,4%
Papua New Guinea	vul		0,11%	99,3%
Paraguay	vul		0,01%	90,1%
Peru	vul		0,30%	90,5%
Philippines			0,66%	71,4%
Pitcairn	vul		0,00%	99,9%
Qatar		X	0,20%	94,0%
Russian			3,36%	80,1%

Countries + territories		High-income country	Share of total GSP covered imports (<1.0 %)	Share of 5 largest sections (> 75%)
Federation				
<i>Rwanda</i> *	vul		0,00%	93,0%
Saint Helena	vul		0,00%	90,7%
<i>Samoa</i> *	vul		0,00%	93,3%
<i>São Tomé and Príncipe</i> *	vul		0,00%	90,1%
Saudi Arabia		X	1,57%	96,8%
<i>Senegal</i> *	vul		0,09%	97,1%
Seychelles	vul		0,07%	99,9%
<i>Sierra Leone</i> *	vul		0,00%	86,7%
<i>Solomon Islands</i> *	vul		0,01%	99,9%
<i>Somalia</i> *	vul		0,00%	97,7%
South Africa			2,53%	84,0%
South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands	vul		0,00%	100%
Sri Lanka	vul		0,62%	90,1%
St Kitts and Nevis	vul		0,00%	97,6%
St Lucia	vul		0,03%	98,6%
St Pierre and Miquelon	vul		0,00%	99,6%
St Vincent and the Grenadines	vul		0,00%	96,8%
<i>Sudan</i> *	vul		0,00%	98,5%
Suriname	vul		0,01%	97,4%
Swaziland	vul		0,01%	97,9%
Syrian Arab	vul		0,09%	87,5%

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Republic				
Tajikistan	vul		0,01%	99,5%
<i>Tanzania</i> *	vul		0,08%	98.3%
Thailand			3,48%	69.1%
<i>Timor-Leste</i> *	vul		0,00%	96.1%
<i>Togo</i> *	vul		0,01%	94.6%
Tokelau	vul		0,00%	82.7%
Tonga	vul		0,00%	94.8%
Trinidad and Tobago		X	0,14%	99,3%
Tunisia			2,26%	85,8%
Turkmenistan	vul		0,03%	99,3%
Turks and Caicos Islands	vul		0,00%	96.5%
<i>Tuvalu</i> *	vul		0,00%	97.4%
<i>Uganda</i> *	vul		0,06%	99,4%
Ukraine			1,17%	73,4%
United Arab Emirates		X	0.87%	78.6%

Countries + territories		High-income country	Share of total GSP covered imports (<1.0 %)	Share of 5 largest sections (> 75%)
United States				
Minor Outlying Islands	vul		0,00%	97,6%
Uruguay	vul		0,08%	89.3%
Uzbekistan	vul		0,05%	95,0%
<i>Vanuatu</i> *	vul		0,00%	99,1%
Venezuela	vul		0,32%	95,4%
Vietnam			2,06%	81.2%
Virgin Islands, British	vul		0,01%	93,8%
Virgin Islands, U.S.		X	0,00%	89.7%
Wallis and Futuna	vul		0,00%	100%
<i>Yemen</i> *	vul		0,03%	98,7%
<i>Zambia</i> *	vul		0,03%	99,2%
Zimbabwe	vul		0,07%	98,7%

Least Developed Countries (identified by an asterisk and in italics in the list above) already benefit from the EBA (Everything But Arms) scheme and therefore enjoy preferential access to the EU market that is more far reaching than that available under the GSP+.

** Belarus and Myanmar are temporarily withdrawn from the GSP tariff preferences in accordance with respectively Council Regulation (EC) No1933/2006 of 21 December 2006 and Council Regulation (EC) No 552/1997 of 24 March 1997.