Information Notice

for countries which may request to be granted the special incentive arrangement for sustainable development and good governance under Regulation (EU) No 978/2012 of 31 October 2012

Regulation (EU) No 978/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of applying a scheme of generalized tariff preferences and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 732/2008¹ establishes eligibility criteria for special incentive arrangement for sustainable development and good governance (GSP+). According to point (a) of Article 9(1) of this Regulation a GSP beneficiary country may benefit from the tariff preferences provided under GSP+ if it is considered to be vulnerable due to a lack of diversification and insufficient integration within the international trading system. The countries meeting the vulnerability criteria², as defined in Annex VII of Regulation 978/2012 are listed below. Vulnerable countries must meet the criteria listed in Article 9(1) of the Regulation before they are granted GSP+.

Countries	Share of total GSP imports	Share of seven largest GSP
	(<2.0%)	sections (>75%)
Pakistan	1.6%	94.6%
Ukraine	1.4%	78.4%
Sri Lanka	0.8%	93.1%
Philippines	0.8%	76.8%
Ecuador	0.5%	98.1%
Peru	0.4%	89.6%
Iran	0.4%	90.5%
Costa Rica	0.4%	97.3%
Nigeria	0.2%	97.9%
Syrian Arab Republic	0.1%	86.8%
Guatemala	0.1%	88.6%
Honduras	0.1%	96.0%
Georgia	0.1%	93.7%
Uzbekistan	0.1%	93.0%
Armenia	<0.1%	97.5%
Panama	<0.1%	93.4%
El Salvador	<0.1%	96.3%
Nicaragua	<0.1%	96.0%
Azerbaijan	<0.1%	95.3%
Turkmenistan	<0.1%	99.0%
Republic of Congo	<0.1%	99.1%
Bolivia	<0.1%	93.1%
Maldives	<0.1%	99.9%
Cape Verde	<0.1%	99.1%
Paraguay	<0.1%	85.6%
Tajikistan	<0.1%	99.4%

¹ OJ L 303, 31.10.2012.

² The list does not contain countries benefitting from Everything But Arms (EBA) as of 1 January 2014. All EBA beneficiaries already enjoy duty-free, quota-free treatment for all their exports but arms.

Mongolia	<0.1%	98.0%
Marshall Islands	<0.1%	98.4%
Iraq	<0.1%	95.0%
Kyrgyzstan	<0.1%	95.8%
Cook Islands	<0.1%	80.5%
Tonga	<0.1%	97.0%
Micronesia (Federated States of)	<0.1%	100.0%
Nauru	<0.1%	93.3%
Niue	<0.1%	100.0%