



## **Practical guide to the new GSP trade regimes for developing countries**

The EU's rules determining which countries can pay less or no duty when exporting to the 28 country trade bloc, and for which products, change on 1 January 2014. The changes to the EU's so-called Generalised System of Preferences (GSP) are designed to focus help on developing countries most in need and to better cater for their specific needs. The GSP scheme is seen as a powerful tool for economic development by providing those countries most in need with preferential access to the EU's market of 500m consumers.

The GSP+ is a component of the GSP. It offers additional trade incentives to developing countries already benefitting from GSP to implement core international conventions on human and labour rights, sustainable development and good governance.

The EU announced the new rules more than a year ago to allow companies enough time to understand the impact of the changes on their business and adapt. To make the transition as smooth as possible, this guide provides information about:

1. 3 possible import regimes applicable to those countries eligible for GSP after 1 January 2014 (p. 2);
2. Treatment that will apply to shipments arriving at the EU customs border shortly after 1 January 2014 (p. 3);
3. 3 steps how to check what trade regime and tariff will apply to your exports to the European Union after 1 January 2014 (p. 3) or in other words:
  - a. What happens to each of the current GSP beneficiaries (p. 4);
  - b. What happens to the product coverage (p. 10);
  - c. What the tariff rate for each particular product will be after 1 January 2014 (p. 12).

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## Three EU import regimes after 1 January 2014:

As of 1 January 2014 countries covered by the GSP preferences up to and including 31 December 2013 will fall into one of the following groups:

**1.** 90 countries will remain under one of the three GSP strands:

- *Everything But Arms* (EBA) – duty-free quota-free access to the EU market for all products from the 49 least developed countries;
- *GSP+* – deep tariff cuts for countries which ratified and implemented international conventions relating to human and labour rights, environment and good governance. The first 10 *GSP+* countries are: Armenia, Bolivia, Cape Verde, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Georgia, Mongolia, Paraguay, Pakistan and Peru;
- *GSP* general arrangement for all the other beneficiaries.

For some of those countries, GSP access can coexist with a recently applied free trade agreement (e.g. for Central American countries). The end of the two-year transitory period for countries implementing free trade agreements will be confirmed in the future by the Commission, with sufficient notice for businesses and exporters.

**2.** 54 countries will continue to benefit from other arrangements with privileged access to the EU market but will no longer be covered by GSP.

Other preferential arrangements include association agreements, free trade agreements, Economic Partnership Agreements, special arrangements for overseas countries and territories or other unilateral market access measures.

**3.** 32 countries will no longer benefit from preferential access to the EU. These countries are high and upper-middle income countries or overseas territories not dependent on the EU. Their exports will enter the EU with a normal tariff applicable to all the other developed countries (referred to as *Erga omnes* or Most Favoured Nation (MFN) tariff).

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## **Which regime will apply to goods that left their point of origin in 2013 but arrive in the EU after 1 January 2014?**

It all depends on the date of the customs formalities.

If the customs authorities of an EU Member State accept the customs declaration for release of goods for free circulation on or before 31 December 2013, the old preferences (based on Regulation 732/2008) will apply to the consignment.

If the declaration is accepted on or after 1 January 2014, the new preferences (based on Regulation 978/2012) will apply.

### **3 steps to check the situation that applies to your exports:**

To learn what trade regime and tariff will apply to your exports to the European Union after 1 January 2014, we suggest taking 3 steps:

1. Check what regime applies to the country of origin of the product that you wish to export to the EU (see STEP 1);
2. Check if the product itself can benefit from the GSP tariff (see STEP 2).  
**Important:** some categories of products have been excluded from GSP coverage for China, India, Indonesia, Thailand, Ukraine and Nigeria.
3. Once you know which import regime applies, check the tariff rates and the related rules of origin for this regime in the EU Export Helpdesk [online database](#) (see STEP 3).

**STEP 1: Check which import regime applies to the country of origin of your product before and after the GSP changes of 2014**

<b>Countries in alphabetical order</b>	<b>GSP status in 2013</b>	<b>Import regime as of 2014</b>	<b>Specificities in GSP product coverage</b>
<b>Afghanistan</b>	EBA <input type="checkbox"/>	EBA <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Algeria</b>	GSP <input type="checkbox"/>	EuroMed Association Agreement	
<b>American Samoa</b>	GSP <input type="checkbox"/>	No preference – MFN tariff	
<b>Angola</b>	EBA <input type="checkbox"/>	EBA <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Anguilla</b>	GSP <input type="checkbox"/>	Arrangement for overseas countries and territories	
<b>Antarctica</b>	GSP <input type="checkbox"/>	No preference – MFN tariff	
<b>Antigua and Barbuda</b>	GSP <input type="checkbox"/>	Economic Partnership Agreement	
<b>Argentina</b>	GSP <input type="checkbox"/>	No preference – MFN tariff	
<b>Armenia</b>	GSP+ <input type="checkbox"/>	GSP+	
<b>Aruba</b>	GSP <input type="checkbox"/>	Arrangement for overseas countries and territories	
<b>Azerbaijan</b>	GSP+ <input type="checkbox"/>	GSP only until 22 February 2014; after that date MFN tariff will apply	
<b>Bahamas</b>	GSP <input type="checkbox"/>	Economic Partnership Agreement	
<b>Bahrain</b>	GSP <input type="checkbox"/>	No preference – MFN tariff	
<b>Bangladesh</b>	EBA <input type="checkbox"/>	EBA <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Barbados</b>	GSP <input type="checkbox"/>	Economic Partnership Agreement	
<b>Belarus</b>	GSP (temporarily suspended)	No preference – MFN tariff	
<b>Belize</b>	GSP <input type="checkbox"/>	Economic Partnership Agreement	
<b>Benin</b>	EBA <input type="checkbox"/>	EBA <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Bermuda</b>	GSP <input type="checkbox"/>	Arrangement for overseas countries and territories	
<b>Bhutan</b>	EBA <input type="checkbox"/>	EBA <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Bolivia</b>	GSP+ <input type="checkbox"/>	GSP+	
<b>Botswana</b>	GSP <input type="checkbox"/>	Economic Partnership Agreement	
<b>Bouvet Island</b>	GSP <input type="checkbox"/>	No preference – MFN tariff	
<b>Brazil</b>	GSP <input type="checkbox"/>	No preference – MFN tariff	
<b>British Indian Ocean Territory</b>	GSP <input type="checkbox"/>	Arrangement for overseas countries and territories	
<b>British Virgin Islands</b>	GSP <input type="checkbox"/>	Arrangement for overseas countries and territories	

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<b>Brunei-Darussalam</b>	GSP <input type="checkbox"/>	No preference – MFN tariff	
<b>Burkina Faso</b>	EBA <input type="checkbox"/>	EBA <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Burma/Myanmar</b>	EBA <input type="checkbox"/>	EBA <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Burundi</b>	EBA <input type="checkbox"/>	EBA <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Cambodia</b>	EBA <input type="checkbox"/>	EBA <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Cameroon</b>	GSP <input type="checkbox"/>	Economic Partnership Agreement	
<b>Cape Verde</b>	GSP+ <input type="checkbox"/>	GSP+	
<b>Cayman Islands</b>	GSP <input type="checkbox"/>	Arrangement for overseas countries and territories	
<b>Central African Republic</b>	EBA <input type="checkbox"/>	EBA <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Chad</b>	EBA <input type="checkbox"/>	EBA <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Chile</b>	GSP <input type="checkbox"/>	Free Trade Agreement	
<b>China</b>	GSP <input type="checkbox"/>	GSP	Further coverage limitations (see p. 10)
<b>Christmas Islands</b>	GSP <input type="checkbox"/>	No preference – MFN tariff	
<b>Cocos Islands (or Keeling Islands)</b>	GSP <input type="checkbox"/>	No preference – MFN tariff	
<b>Colombia</b>	GSP+ <input type="checkbox"/>	Free Trade Agreement	
<b>Comoros Islands</b>	EBA <input type="checkbox"/>	EBA <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Congo</b>	GSP <input type="checkbox"/>	GSP	
<b>Congo (Democratic Republic)</b>	EBA <input type="checkbox"/>	EBA <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Cook Islands</b>	GSP <input type="checkbox"/>	GSP	
<b>Costa Rica</b>	GSP+ <input type="checkbox"/>	Free Trade Agreement and GSP+	
<b>Cote d'Ivoire</b>	GSP <input type="checkbox"/>	Economic Partnership Agreement	
<b>Cuba</b>	GSP <input type="checkbox"/>	No preference – MFN tariff	
<b>Djibouti</b>	EBA <input type="checkbox"/>	EBA <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Dominica</b>	GSP <input type="checkbox"/>	Economic Partnership Agreement	
<b>Dominican Republic</b>	GSP <input type="checkbox"/>	Economic Partnership Agreement	
<b>East Timor</b>	EBA <input type="checkbox"/>	EBA <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Ecuador</b>	GSP+ <input type="checkbox"/>	GSP+	
<b>Egypt</b>	GSP <input type="checkbox"/>	EuroMed Association Agreement	
<b>El Salvador</b>	GSP+ <input type="checkbox"/>	Free Trade Agreement	
<b>Equatorial Guinea</b>	EBA <input type="checkbox"/>	EBA <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Eritrea</b>	EBA <input type="checkbox"/>	EBA <input type="checkbox"/>	

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<b>Ethiopia</b>	EBA <input type="checkbox"/>	EBA <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Falkland Islands</b>	GSP <input type="checkbox"/>	Arrangement for overseas countries and territories	
<b>Federal States of Micronesia</b>	GSP <input type="checkbox"/>	GSP <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Fiji</b>	GSP <input type="checkbox"/>	Economic Partnership Agreement	
<b>French Polynesia</b>	GSP <input type="checkbox"/>	Arrangement for overseas countries and territories	
<b>French Southern Territories</b>	GSP <input type="checkbox"/>	Arrangement for overseas countries and territories	
<b>Gabon</b>	GSP <input type="checkbox"/>	No preference – MFN tariff	
<b>Gambia</b>	EBA <input type="checkbox"/>	EBA <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Georgia</b>	GSP+ <input type="checkbox"/>	GSP+	
<b>Ghana</b>	GSP <input type="checkbox"/>	EPA <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Gibraltar</b>	GSP <input type="checkbox"/>	Arrangement for overseas countries and territories	
<b>Greenland</b>	GSP <input type="checkbox"/>	Arrangement for overseas countries and territories	
<b>Grenada</b>	GSP <input type="checkbox"/>	EPA <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Guam</b>	GSP <input type="checkbox"/>	No preference – MFN tariff	
<b>Guatemala</b>	GSP+ <input type="checkbox"/>	Free Trade Agreement	
<b>Guinea</b>	EBA <input type="checkbox"/>	EBA <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Guinea-Bissau</b>	EBA <input type="checkbox"/>	EBA <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Guyana</b>	GSP <input type="checkbox"/>	EPA <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Haiti</b>	EBA <input type="checkbox"/>	EBA <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Heard Island and MacDonald Island</b>	GSP <input type="checkbox"/>	No preference – MFN tariff	
<b>Honduras</b>	GSP+ <input type="checkbox"/>	Free Trade Agreement	
<b>India</b>	GSP <input type="checkbox"/>	GSP	Coverage limited for the first time (see p. 10)
<b>Indonesia</b>	GSP <input type="checkbox"/>	GSP	Further coverage limitations (see p. 10)
<b>Iran</b>	GSP (but <a href="#">sanctions in place</a> )	GSP only until 22 February 2014; after that date MFN tariff will apply	No incidence on existing trade <a href="#">sanctions</a>
<b>Iraq</b>	GSP <input type="checkbox"/>	GSP	
<b>Jamaica</b>	GSP <input type="checkbox"/>	Economic Partnership Agreement	
<b>Jordan</b>	GSP <input type="checkbox"/>	EuroMed Association Agreement	
<b>Kazakhstan</b>	GSP <input type="checkbox"/>	No preference – MFN tariff	

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<b>Kenya</b>	GSP <input type="checkbox"/>	EPA <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Kiribati</b>	EBA <input type="checkbox"/>	EBA <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Kuwait</b>	GSP <input type="checkbox"/>	No preference – MFN tariff	
<b>Kyrgyzstan</b>	GSP <input type="checkbox"/>	GSP	
<b>Laos</b>	EBA <input type="checkbox"/>	EBA <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Lebanon</b>	GSP <input type="checkbox"/>	EuroMed Association Agreement	
<b>Lesotho</b>	EBA <input type="checkbox"/>	EBA <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Liberia</b>	EBA <input type="checkbox"/>	EBA <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Libya</b>	GSP <input type="checkbox"/>	No preference – MFN tariff	
<b>Macao</b>	GSP <input type="checkbox"/>	No preference – MFN tariff	
<b>Madagascar</b>	EBA <input type="checkbox"/>	EBA <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Malawi</b>	EBA <input type="checkbox"/>	EBA <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Malaysia</b>	GSP <input type="checkbox"/>	No preference – MFN tariff	
<b>Maldives</b>	EBA <input type="checkbox"/>	GSP <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Mali</b>	EBA <input type="checkbox"/>	EBA <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Marshall Islands</b>	GSP <input type="checkbox"/>	GSP	
<b>Mauritania</b>	EBA <input type="checkbox"/>	EBA <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Mauritius</b>	GSP <input type="checkbox"/>	Economic Partnership Agreement	
<b>Mayotte</b>	GSP <input type="checkbox"/>	Arrangement for overseas countries and territories	
<b>Mexico</b>	GSP <input type="checkbox"/>	FTA	
<b>Mongolia</b>	GSP+ <input type="checkbox"/>	GSP+	
<b>Montserrat</b>	GSP <input type="checkbox"/>	Arrangement for overseas countries and territories	
<b>Morocco</b>	GSP <input type="checkbox"/>	EuroMed Association Agreement	
<b>Mozambique</b>	EBA <input type="checkbox"/>	EBA <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Namibia</b>	GSP <input type="checkbox"/>	Economic Partnership Agreement	
<b>Nauru</b>	GSP <input type="checkbox"/>	GSP	
<b>Nepal</b>	EBA <input type="checkbox"/>	EBA <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Netherlands Antilles</b>	GSP <input type="checkbox"/>	Arrangement for overseas countries and territories	
<b>New Caledonia</b>	GSP <input type="checkbox"/>	Arrangement for overseas countries and territories	
<b>Nicaragua</b>	GSP+ <input type="checkbox"/>	Free Trade Agreement	
<b>Niger</b>	EBA <input type="checkbox"/>	EBA <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Nigeria</b>	GSP <input type="checkbox"/>	GSP	Coverage limited for the first time (see p. 11)

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<b>Niue Island</b>	GSP <input type="checkbox"/>	GSP	
<b>Norfolk Island</b>	GSP <input type="checkbox"/>	No preference – MFN tariff	
<b>Northern Mariana Islands</b>	GSP <input type="checkbox"/>	No preference – MFN tariff	
<b>Oman</b>	GSP <input type="checkbox"/>	No preference – MFN tariff	
<b>Pakistan</b>	GSP <input type="checkbox"/>	GSP+	
<b>Palau</b>	GSP <input type="checkbox"/>	No preference – MFN tariff country	
<b>Panama</b>	GSP <input type="checkbox"/>	Free Trade Agreement	
<b>Papua New Guinea</b>	GSP <input type="checkbox"/>	Economic Partnership Agreement	
<b>Paraguay</b>	GSP+ <input type="checkbox"/>	GSP+	
<b>Peru</b>	GSP+ <input type="checkbox"/>	Free Trade Agreement and GSP+	
<b>Philippines</b>	GSP <input type="checkbox"/>	GSP	
<b>Pitcairn</b>	GSP <input type="checkbox"/>	Arrangement for overseas countries and territories	
<b>Qatar</b>	GSP <input type="checkbox"/>	No preference – MFN tariff	
<b>Russia</b>	GSP <input type="checkbox"/>	No preference – MFN tariff	
<b>Rwanda</b>	EBA <input type="checkbox"/>	EBA <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Samoa</b>	EBA <input type="checkbox"/>	EBA <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>São Tomé &amp; Príncipe</b>	EBA <input type="checkbox"/>	EBA <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Saudi Arabia</b>	GSP <input type="checkbox"/>	No preference – MFN tariff	
<b>Senegal</b>	EBA <input type="checkbox"/>	EBA <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Seychelles</b>	GSP <input type="checkbox"/>	EPA	
<b>Sierra Leone</b>	EBA <input type="checkbox"/>	EBA <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Solomon Islands</b>	EBA <input type="checkbox"/>	EBA <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Somalia</b>	EBA <input type="checkbox"/>	EBA <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>South Africa</b>	GSP <input type="checkbox"/>	Free Trade Agreement	
<b>South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands</b>	GSP <input type="checkbox"/>	Arrangement for overseas countries and territories	
<b>Sri Lanka</b>	GSP+ (temporarily suspended)	GSP	
<b>St. Helena</b>	GSP <input type="checkbox"/>	Arrangement for overseas countries and territories	
<b>St. Kitts and Nevis</b>	GSP <input type="checkbox"/>	Economic Partnership Agreement	
<b>St. Lucia</b>	GSP <input type="checkbox"/>	Economic Partnership Agreement	
<b>St. Pierre and Miquelon</b>	GSP <input type="checkbox"/>	Arrangement for overseas countries and territories	
<b>St. Vincent and Northern Grenadines</b>	GSP <input type="checkbox"/>	Economic Partnership Agreement	



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<b>Sudan</b>	GSP <input type="checkbox"/>	EBA <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Surinam</b>	EBA <input type="checkbox"/>	Economic Partnership Agreement	
<b>Swaziland</b>	GSP <input type="checkbox"/>	Economic Partnership Agreement	
<b>Syria</b>	GSP ( <a href="#">import restrictions</a> )	GSP	No incidence on existing <a href="#">import restrictions</a>
<b>Tanzania</b>	GSP <input type="checkbox"/>	EBA <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Thailand</b>	EBA <input type="checkbox"/>	GSP	Further coverage limitations (see p. 11)
<b>Tokelau Islands</b>	EBA <input type="checkbox"/>	No preference – MFN tariff	
<b>Tonga</b>	GSP <input type="checkbox"/>	GSP	
<b>Trinidad and Tobago</b>	GSP <input type="checkbox"/>	Economic Partnership Agreement	
<b>Tunisia</b>	GSP <input type="checkbox"/>	EuroMed Association Agreement <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Turkmenistan</b>	GSP <input type="checkbox"/>	GSP	
<b>Turks and Caicos Islands</b>	GSP <input type="checkbox"/>	Arrangement for overseas countries and territories	
<b>Tuvalu</b>	GSP <input type="checkbox"/>	EBA <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Uganda</b>	EBA <input type="checkbox"/>	EBA <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Ukraine</b>	EBA <input type="checkbox"/>	GSP	Coverage limited for the first time (see p. 11)
<b>United Arab Emirates</b>	GSP <input type="checkbox"/>	No preference – MFN tariff	
<b>Uruguay</b>	GSP <input type="checkbox"/>	No preference – MFN tariff	
<b>US Minor Outlying Islands</b>	GSP <input type="checkbox"/>	Arrangement for overseas countries and territories	
<b>Uzbekistan</b>	GSP <input type="checkbox"/>	GSP	
<b>Vanuatu</b>	GSP <input type="checkbox"/>	EBA <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Venezuela</b>	GSP <input type="checkbox"/>	No preference – MFN tariff	
<b>Vietnam</b>	GSP <input type="checkbox"/>	GSP	Previous limitations lifted (see p. 11)
<b>Virgin Islands (USA)</b>	GSP <input type="checkbox"/>	No preference – MFN tariff	
<b>Wallis and Futuna</b>	GSP <input type="checkbox"/>	Arrangement for overseas countries and territories	
<b>Yemen</b>	GSP <input type="checkbox"/>	EBA <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Zambia</b>	EBA <input type="checkbox"/>	EBA <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Zimbabwe</b>	EBA <input type="checkbox"/>	EPA <input type="checkbox"/>	

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## **STEP 2: Check if your PRODUCTS benefit from GSP, GSP+ or EBA preferences.**

EBA is the most generous regime and it covers almost products, 99% of tariff lines, with the exception of arms and ammunition. Under EBA, products can access the EU market duty free (0% duty).

GSP and GSP+ cover about 66% of products in the EU customs tariff code. The main advantage of the GSP+ is that it gives improved access, mostly duty-free comparing to the general GSP scheme.

Secondly, products under GSP, if they become competitive and do not need support to access the EU market can lose preferential treatment. In the EU trade policy jargon we say that those products "graduated" from the GSP.

Products under GSP+ cannot be graduated. Graduation of products does not apply to GSP+ beneficiaries because they are vulnerable countries with a non-diversified base.

[Annex V of the new GSP regulation](#) (p. 30) contains a list of products eligible for preferential GSP treatment. The list is organised in sections (e.g. Section 5) and subsections (e.g. Section 2a). "Graduation" always applies to the whole group of products in a specific section/subsection.

**China, India, Indonesia, Nigeria, Thailand, Ukraine** have several competitive sectors that will no longer be covered by the standard GSP as of 1 January 2014, even if each of these countries remains a GSP beneficiary.

Details of GSP coverage for these countries are presented below at section level (see list in Annex V).

**CHINA** will only benefit from GSP for the following groups of products:

- vegetable products (Section 2a)
- animal or vegetable oils, fats and waxes (3 Section)
- meat products (Section 4a)
- tobacco (Section 4c)
- mineral products (Section 5)

In other words, live animals and most of animal products, part of vegetable products, prepared foodstuffs and beverages, spirits and vinegar, pulp of wood or of other fibrous cellulosic material, paper and paperboard articles, apparel and clothing accessories, arms and ammunition, as well as their parts and accessories, which were covered by GSP up to 31 December 2013 will as of 1 January 2014 fall under the normal (MFN) tariff.

**INDIA** will benefit from GSP for all products covered by the system except:

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- mineral products (Section 5)
  - inorganic and organic chemicals (Section 6a)
  - chemicals, other than organic and inorganic chemicals (Section 6b)
  - raw hides and skins and leather (Section 8a)
  - textiles (Section 11a)
  - road vehicles, bicycles, aviation & space, boats and their parts (Section 17b)

All these exceptions are new. Before 1 January 2014, India did not have any limitations in terms of GSP product coverage.

**INDONESIA** will benefit from GSP for all products covered by the system except:

- live animals and animal products excluded fish (Section 1a);
- animal or vegetable oils, fats and waxes (Section 3);
- chemicals other than organic and inorganic chemicals (Section 6b);

Before 1 January 2014, only oils, fats and waxes were excluded.

**THAILAND** will benefit from GSP for all products covered by the system except:

- preparations of meat and fish (Section 4a)
- prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits and vinegar (Section 4b)
- pearls and precious metals (Section 14)

The MFN tariff for different food and drink products are new.

**UKRAINE** will benefit from GSP for all products covered by the system except railway and tramway vehicles and products (Section 17a). This is a new limitation.

Ukraine is eligible for the GSP+. If in the future it applies for and is granted GSP+ treatment, the above limitation will not apply.

**NIGERIA** will benefit from GSP for all products covered by the system except raw hides and skins and leather (Section 8a). This is a new limitation.

Nigeria is also eligible for GSP+. If in the future it applies for and is granted GSP+ treatment, this limitation will not apply.

**VIETNAM** did not – prior to 1 January 2014 – benefit from GSP preferential tariffs for footwear, headgear, umbrellas, walking sticks, whips, riding crops, articles made feathers, artificial flowers and articles of human hair. This restriction will be lifted on 1 January 2014.

[Annex IX of the new GSP regulation](#) (p. 62) contains a list of products eligible for preferential GSP+ treatment.

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As of 1 January 2014, the following 10 countries have GSP+ status: **ARMENIA, BOLIVIA, CAPE VERDE, COSTA RICA, ECUADOR, GEORGIA, MONGOLIA, PARAGUAY, PAKISTAN AND PERU.**

### **STEP 3: Use the EU's free Export Helpdesk to check tariff rates and other applicable requirements**

The EU [Export Helpdesk](#), a free online database for developing countries, provides information about EU tariffs, proofs of origin and other requirements for access to the EU market. It is available in English, French, Spanish and Portuguese.

Just fill in a single form to access all the information related to the product you want to import into the EU from a particular country of origin.

(see examples on the following page)

The screenshot shows the 'My export' page of the EU Export Helpdesk. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'User Guide', 'Glossary', 'FAQ', 'Legal notice', 'Contact', and 'Privacy Statement', along with a language dropdown set to 'English (en)'. The main header features the European Commission logo and the word 'TRADE' in large blue letters, with 'Export Helpdesk' below it. A breadcrumb trail reads 'European Commission > Trade > Export Helpdesk > My export'. On the left, a vertical menu lists 'Home', 'My export', 'Requirements', 'Tariffs', 'Preferential arrangements', 'Statistics', 'About us', and 'Resources'. The main content area is titled 'My export' and contains a search form with the following fields: 'Enter a product code (10 digits)' with the value '4404200000' and a 'Find my product code' link; 'Select a country of origin' with a dropdown menu showing 'Senegal'; 'Select a destination country' with a dropdown menu showing 'Belgium'; and 'Select a simulation date (DD/MM/YYYY)' with the value '20/01/2014'. A blue 'Search' button is positioned at the bottom of the form.



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## My export

Requirements Tariffs Generalised Scheme of Preferences

Code	Product Description
<a href="#">44</a>	WOOD AND ARTICLES OF WOOD; WOOD CHARCOAL
<a href="#">4404</a>	Hoopwood; split poles; piles, pickets and stakes of wood, pointed but not sawn lengthwise; wooden sticks, roughly trimmed but not turned, bent or otherwise worked, suitable for the manufacture of walking sticks, umbrellas, tool handles or the like; chipwood and the like
<a href="#">4404 20</a>	-Non-coniferous

Origin	Measure Type	Tariff	Conditions	Footnote	EU Law
ERGA OMNES	Third country duty	0 %			<a href="#">R2261/98</a>
<a href="#">GSP (special arrangement for the least-developed countries)</a>	Tariff preference	0 %			<a href="#">R0978/12</a>

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