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Update**

GSP Restored Through 2020 *Effective Date is April 22*

We previously reported that President Trump has [restored Argentina](#) to the list of GSP beneficiary developing countries in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) of the United States and that in a subsequent notice published in the [Federal Register](#), the President's proclamation became effective with respect to articles entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after January 1, 2018.

[Customs and Border Patrol \(CBP\) has now posted a notice](#) stating that the President signed into law H.R. 1625, the "Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018," which in addition to providing full-year federal appropriations through September 30, 2018, extended GSP with retroactivity, from January 1, 2018, through December 31, 2020.

This notice goes on to say that importers should continue to flag GSP-eligible importations with the SPI "A" and pay normal trade relations (column 1) duty rates until the effective date of the Act, April 22, 2018, at which time programming will obviate the duty payment. Shortly after April 22, 2018, CBP will begin refunding GSP duties without interest, to the importer of record, for goods on entry summaries filed with SPI "A" preceding the tariff number, during the lapse period.

Please recall that USTR has posted ["GSP Expiration - Frequently Asked Questions"](#). In particular, we call your attention to the following portion:

If GSP is reauthorized retroactively, how will the refunds be processed?

In accordance with CBP instructions, after midnight December 31, 2017, importers are to pay the normal trade relations duty rate but should continue to flag GSP-eligible importations with the applicable special program indicator (SPI) for GSP ("A" or "A+"). If the program is renewed with retroactive effect, use of the SPI will allow CBP to process

automatic duty refunds. For specific guidance, please see CBP notices on GSP, which can be found [here](#).

DATES TO REMEMBER

May 4, 2018

Member Meeting

9:00 am - 11:00 am

Saddle Brook Marriott

Saddle Brook, NJ

May 4, 2018

[Dinner Gala](#)

Liberty House Restaurant

6:30 pm - 10:30 pm

Jersey City, NJ

July 2, 2018

Last day for an exporting country that is not designating importers for calendar year 2018 to notify FAS

August 31, 2018

Last day to enter dairy products into U.S. Customs territory that may be used to qualify and establish eligibility for a calendar year 2019 license.

September 1, 2018

First day of 2018 license applications

Last day to request a globalization of a calendar year 2018 license

September 15, 2018

Last day of licensees applying for reallocated license amounts for 2018

October 1, 2018

Last day to surrender 2018 license amounts

October 15, 2018

Last day of 2018 license applications

October 20-24, 2018

SIAL Trip to Paris, France

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* If a deadline date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holiday, the deadline will be the next business day (Section 6.36(a) of the Dairy Tariff-Rate Import Quota Licensing Regulation). This does not apply to dates of entry for eligibility.

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