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Advisory Note to GMAC Members
On Cambodia and the UK's General Scheme of Preference (GSP)

Reference is made to the part of Brexit transition: new rules for 2021, published by the UK's Department of International Trade on 10 November 2020. The UK has left the EU, and the transition period after Brexit comes to an end this year. From 1 January 2021, eligible developing countries will be able to get trade preferences through the UK Generalized Scheme of Preferences (GSP).

The UK GSP will initially provide trade preferences to the same countries as the EU GSP. The UK GSP will have 3 frameworks: Least Developed Countries Framework, General Framework, and Enhanced Framework.

Cambodia, being classified by the United Nations, as a Least Developed Country, falls into the Least Developed Countries Framework. Cambodia will therefore be entitled to duty-free and quota free access on exports to the UK of all goods, except arms and ammunition. This is equivalent to a complete EBA scheme under the EU GSP.

GMAC is still working with the Cambodia's Ministry of Commerce and the UK counterpart to clarify some of the changes in administrative procedures, if any, such as proof of origin and effective date of implementation (Whether date of shipment or date of arrival). We would further advise members, once it's clarified.

