

## **NOTICE To All Travel Goods Factories in Cambodia**

## Subject: Expiration of US GSP Program

Notice is herewith given that the US GSP Program expired on 31 December 2020 due to delayed adoption of legislation to reauthorize the Program by the US Congress. This delay is a related matter to all 119 beneficiary countries and territories (Cambodia included), but the direct impact will be on the buyers/importers who will be required to pay import duties until the Program is reauthorized.

Starting from 1974, the US GSP Program was first authorized for 10 years. Since then, it has been reauthorized 14 times, with authorizations generally lasting 2 to 3 years. During this last expiration period, goods entered the US after 31 December 2020 will be subject to MFN duty rates, but the claim for GSP treatment should continue to be made as past Congressional practice has been to extend the Program retroactively from the original expiration date, so that importers are refunded (without interest) for the duties incurred during the lapse.

The link below is for your official reference.

https://content.govdelivery.com/bulletins/gd/USDHSCBP-2b25e93?wgt\_ref=USDHSCBP\_WIDGET\_2?utm\_source=help.cbp.gov&utm\_medium=help.cbp.gov&utm\_term=undefined&utm\_content=undefined&utm\_campaign=(not%20set)&gclid=undefined&dclid=undefined&GAID=668218302.1609171616

We hope the reauthorization by the Congress will happen soon, and we will keep all members informed as soon as the developing news breaks.

Phnom Penh, 06 January 2021 Garment Manufacturers Association in Cambodia

