



THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE  
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
WASHINGTON

May 1, 2020

The Honorable David S. Johanson  
Chairman  
United States International Trade Commission  
500 E Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20436

Dear Chairman Johanson:

As part of the 2020 Annual Review for modification of the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) program, the Trade Policy Staff Committee (TPSC) has recently decided to accept certain product petitions for review. Modifications to the GSP program that may result from this review are expected to be announced on or before October 31, 2020, and to become effective on or before November 1, 2020.

In accordance with sections 503(a)(1)(A), 503(e), and 131(a) of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended ("the 1974 Act"), and pursuant to the authority of the President delegated to the United States Trade Representative (USTR) by sections 4(c) and 8(c) and (d) of Executive Order 11846 of March 31, 1975, as amended, and pursuant to section 332(g) of the Tariff Act of 1930, I hereby notify the Commission that the articles identified in Table A of the enclosed Annex are being considered for designation as eligible articles for purposes of the GSP program. I therefore request that the Commission provide its advice as to the probable economic effect on total U.S. imports, on U.S. industries producing like or directly competitive articles, and on U.S. consumers of the elimination of U.S. import duties on the articles in Table A for all beneficiary developing countries under the GSP program.

I hereby notify the Commission that the articles identified in Table B are being considered for removal from eligibility for duty-free treatment under the GSP program from all countries. Under authority delegated by the President, pursuant to section 332(g) of the Tariff Act of 1930, I request that the Commission provide its advice as to the probable economic effect of the removal from eligibility for duty-free treatment under the GSP program for these articles from all countries on total U.S. imports, on U.S. industries producing like or directly competitive articles, and on U.S. consumers.

To the extent possible, I would appreciate it if the probable economic effect advice and statistics (profile of the U.S. industry and market and U.S. import and export data) and any

other relevant information or advice is provided separately and individually for each U.S. Harmonized Tariff Schedule subheading for all products subject to this request.

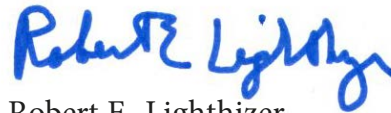
In accordance with USTR policy on implementing Executive Order 13526, as amended, I direct you to mark or identify as "Confidential," for a period of ten years, such portions of the Commission's report and its working papers that contain the Commission's advice and assessment of probable economic effects on domestic industries, on U.S. imports, and on U.S. consumers. Consistent with the Executive Order, this information is being classified on the basis that it concerns economic matters relating to national security. In addition, USTR considers the Commission's report to be an interagency memorandum that will contain pre-decisional advice and be subject to the deliberative process privilege.

I request that you submit an outline of this report as soon as possible to enable USTR officials to provide you with further guidance on its classification, including the extent to which portions of the report will require classification and for how long. Based on this outline, an appropriate USTR official will provide you with written instructions. All confidential business information contained in the report should also be clearly identified.

I would greatly appreciate if the requested advice, including those portions indicated as "Confidential" be provided to my office by August 31, 2020. Once the Commission's confidential report is provided to my office, and we review and approve the classification marking, the Commission should issue; as soon as possible thereafter, a public version of the report containing only the unclassified information, with any confidential business information deleted.

The Commission's assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,



Robert E. Lighthizer

## ANNEX

Products are listed by Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS) subheadings. The product descriptions in this list are for informational purposes only; the definitive tariff nomenclature for the products listed below can be found in the HTS. The descriptions below are not intended to delimit in any way the scope of the relevant subheadings. The petitions cited below may be found on [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) in Dockets:

- Product Addition Petitions - USTR-2020-0004
- Product Removal Petitions - USTR-2020-0005

**Table A: 2020 GSP Annual Review- Petitions submitted to add products to the list of eligible articles for the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP).**

HTS Subheading	Brief Description	Petitioner(s)
06031100	Sweetheart, Spray and other Roses, fresh cut	Association of Floral Importers of Florida, Society of American Florists, Republic of Ecuador
0603110010	Sweetheart roses, fresh, suitable for bouquets or for ornamental purposes	Society of American Florists
0603110030	Spray roses, fresh, suitable for bouquets or for ornamental purposes	Society of American Florists
0603110060	Roses, fresh, suitable for bouquets or for ornamental purposes, nesoi	Society of American Florists

**Table B: 2020 GSP Annual Review- Petitions submitted to remove duty-free status from the listed countries for a product on the list of eligible articles for the GSP program.**

HTS Subheading	Brief Description	Petitioner
1006.10.00	Rice in the husk (paddy or rough)	USA Rice Federation
1006.20.20	Basmati rice, husked	USA Rice Federation
1006.20.40	Husked (brown) rice, other than Basmati	USA Rice Federation
1006.30.10	Rice semi-milled or wholly milled, whether or not polished or glazed, parboiled	USA Rice Federation
1006.30.90	Rice semi-milled or wholly milled, whether or not polished or glazed, other than parboiled	USA Rice Federation
1006.40.00	Broken rice	USA Rice Federation