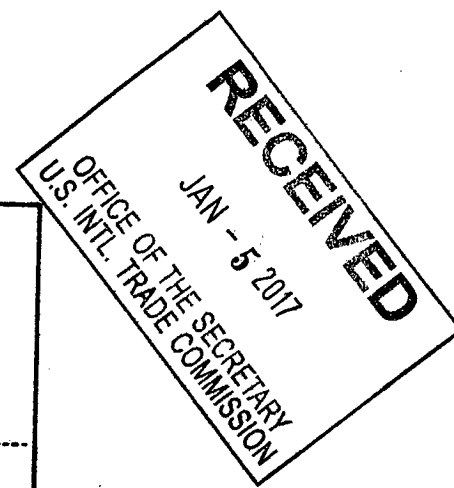


EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20508

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

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Office of the Secretary Int'l Trade Commission



Dear Chairman Williamson:

As part of the 2016/2017 Annual Review for modification of the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP), the Trade Policy Staff Committee (TPSC) has recently decided to accept certain product petitions, including petitions for waivers of competitive need limitations (CNLs). Modifications to the GSP program that may result from this review are expected to be announced on or before June 30, 2017, and to become effective on or before July 1, 2017.

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, 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 one article is 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, with respect to the article listed in Table B of the enclosed Annex, 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 this article from the all GSP countries on total U.S. imports, U.S. industries producing like or directly competitive articles, and on U.S. consumers.

Under authority delegated by the President, pursuant to section 332(g) of the Tariff Act of 1930, and in accordance with section 503(d)(1)(A) of the 1974 Act, I request that the Commission provide advice on whether any industry in the United States is likely to be adversely affected by a waiver of the CNLs specified in section 503(c)(2)(A) of the 1974 Act for the countries and articles specified in Table C of the enclosed Annex. Further, in accordance with section 503(c)(2)(E) of the 1974 Act, I request that the Commission provide its advice with respect to whether like or directly competitive products were being produced in the United States on January 1, 1995. I also request that the Commission provide its advice as to the probable economic effect on total U.S. imports, as well as on consumers, of the requested waivers. With respect to the competitive need limit in section 503(c)(2)(A)(i)(I) of the 1974 Act, the Commission is requested to use the dollar value limit of \$175,000,000.

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.

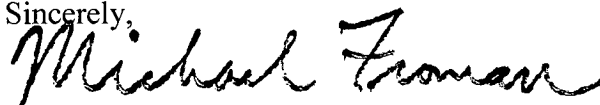
In accordance with USTR policy on implementing Executive Order 13526, as amended, I direct you to mark or identify as "Confidential," for a period of ten years, such portions of the Commission's report and its working papers that contain the Commission's advice and assessment of probable economic effects on domestic industries producing like or directly competitive articles, 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 the national security. In addition, USTR considers the Commission's report to be an inter-agency 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 no later than 120 days from receipt of this letter. 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Michael Froman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ambassador Michael B. G. Froman

## 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 (except in those cases where only part of a subheading is the subject of a petition). The descriptions below are not intended to delimit in any way the scope of the relevant subheadings. The HTS may be viewed at <http://www.usitc.gov/tata/index.htm>. The petitions cited below may be found on [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) in Docket USTR-2016-0009.

**Table A: 2016/2017 GSP Annual Review-Petitions submitted for products to be considered for addition to the list of GSP-eligible products**

HTS Subheading	Brief Description	Petitioner(s)
1104.19.90	Rolled or flaked grains of cereals, other than of barley or oats	Government of Bolivia
2008.20.00	Pineapples, otherwise prepared or preserved, nesi	Government of Bolivia
2915.90.18	Saturated acyclic monocarboxylic acids, nesoi	Elekeiroz
3809.93.50	Finishing agents, dye carriers and other preparations used in leather and like industries, < 5% by weight aromatic (mod.) substance(s)	Assintecal and Brazil Foreign Relations Ministry
3912.20.00	Cellulose nitrates (including collodions), in primary forms	Companhia Nitro Quimica Brasileira and Abiquim and Brazil Foreign Relations Ministry

**Table B: 2016/2017 GSP Annual Review- Petition submitted to remove duty-free status from all countries for a product on the list of eligible articles for the Generalized System of Preferences**

HTS Subheading	Brief Description	Action Requested	Petitioner(s)
2922.49.40.20	Glycine--part of 2922.49.40, "Amino acids"	Remove product for all countries	GEO Specialty Chemicals

**Table C: 2016/2017 GSP Annual Review- Petitions submitted for waiver of GSP CNLs**

<b>HTS Subheading</b>	<b>Brief description</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Petitioner(s)</b>
0410.00.00	Edible products of animal origin, nesi	Indonesia	Government of Indonesia
0714.90.10	Fresh or chilled dasheens, whether or not sliced or in the form of pellets	Ecuador	Government of Ecuador
4011.20.10	New pneumatic radial tires, of rubber, of a kind used on buses or trucks	Indonesia	Government of Indonesia
4409.10.05	Coniferous wood continuously shaped along any of its ends, whether or not also continuously shaped along any its edges or faces	Brazil	Government of Brazil and numerous Brazilian wood exporters
6802.99.00	Monumental or building stone & arts. thereof, nesoi, further worked than simply cut/sawn, nesoi	Brazil	Government of Brazil and several stone exporters
8525.80.30	Television cameras, nesi	Thailand	Government of Thailand
9001.50.00	Spectacle lenses of materials other than glass, unmounted	Thailand	Government of Thailand and Thai Optical Group