

Expanding Afghanistan's Exports through the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) Program



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Presentation Summary



Overview of the U.S. GSP Program

Afghanistan's GSP exports to the U.S.

How to increase Afghanistan's use of duty-free opportunities

GSP Program

- Enhanced access to U.S. market
- Expanded choices for U.S. industries & consumers
- Provides duty-free treatment for almost 5,000 products from Afghanistan
- \$17.4 billion in total U.S. GSP imports (2014)
- GSP program authorized through December 2017



GSP Program: Eligible Products

Eligible

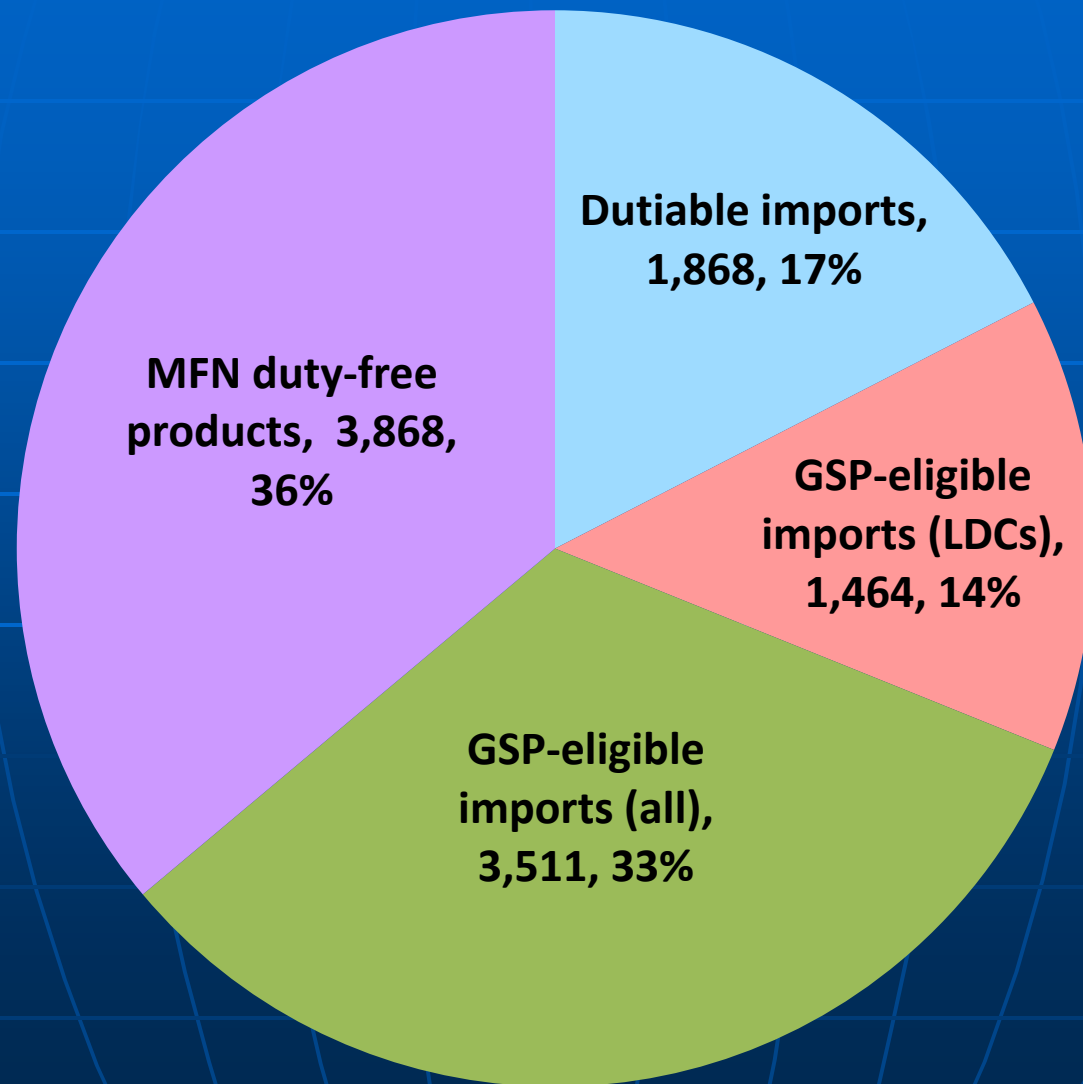
- Many manufactured items & inputs
- Jewelry
- Many agricultural products
- Chemicals
- Minerals
- Marble
- Carpets

Ineligible

- Most textiles & apparel
- Watches
- Footwear
- Some gloves & leather goods



How many products are eligible for GSP duty-free treatment?



U.S. and Afghanistan Trade in 2014

- **U.S. imports from Afghanistan: \$11.0 million**
- **GSP imports: \$209,795 (2% of total imports)**
- **Overall GSP utilization rate: 24%**

Afghanistan's Top GSP Exports in 2014

HTS chapter & description	GSP tariff advantage	Total GSP Value
1704.90.35 - Sugar confections or sweetmeats ready for consumption	5.6%	\$ 90,250
0806.20.10 - Raisins, made from dried seedless grapes	1.8¢/kg	\$ 49,469
7117.19.90 - Certain imitation metal jewelry	11%	\$ 31,990
7116.20.05 - Jewelry articles of precious or semiprecious stones, valued not over \$40 per piece	3.3%	\$ 9,620
7116.20.15 - Jewelry articles of precious or semiprecious stones, valued over \$40 per piece	6.5%	\$ 9,527

How to Qualify for Duty-Free Treatment under GSP

Must be a GSP-eligible product

Must be a product or growth of Afghanistan or of SAARC

If using non-Afghan or non-SAARC inputs, local content & processing must be $\geq 35\%$ of the value

Must import directly into the U.S. w/o entering commerce of another country

Benefit must be claimed by importer

Keep production/accounting records to assist importer to verify GSP claim

Is my product eligible for duty-free treatment under GSP?

The easiest way to find out is to go to:

- https://dataweb.usitc.gov/scripts/tariff_current.asp

List of GSP-eligible products at:

- <https://ustr.gov/issue-areas/trade-development/preference-programs/generalized-system-preferences-gsp/gsp-program-i-0>

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United States International Trade Commission

USITC Home > DataWeb > USITC Tariff Database

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Classification Systems

- Tariff Search Tool
- Classification Systems
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- Description Lookup

Trade Data Reports

- Graphs of Trends

:: 2015 U.S. Tariff and Trade Data for a specific product

Tariff data current through January 15, 2015. This site includes planned staged tariff reductions (where applicable) and 3-year (plus year-to-date) import data!

Enter either the *first part* of an HTS category number up to 8 digits—e.g., "8501" or "850110"—, or *any part* of a product description—e.g., "bovine", or "articho"—(without the "quotes"!)

The search is not case-sensitive, so the results for "Bovine" will be the same as for "boVinE"

Raisin

List items

User note: While the USITC publishes the HTS, the U.S. Customs Service interprets it. Contact the Customs offices with questions about how potential importations should be classified.

In the brief item descriptions, the abbreviation "NESOI" means not otherwise specified or included.

1. Type the name of your product

2. Click the "List items" button



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Now select ONE item for which you want tariff and trade info
Click the "Detail" button when you have made your selection

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- 08062010 Raisins, made from dried seedless grapes (*Begin Effect Date: 10/31/2012*)
- 08062020 Raisins, made from other than seedless grapes (*Begin Effect Date: 10/31/2012*)
- 08062090 Grapes, dried, other than raisins (*Begin Effect Date: 10/31/2012*)
- 84251100 Pulley tackle and hoists other than skip hoists or hoists used for raising vehicles, powered by electric motor (*Begin Effect Date: 01/01/1999*)
- 84251900 Pulley tackle and hoists other than skip hoists or hoists used for raising vehicles, not powered by electric motor (*Begin Effect Date: 01/01/1999*)
- 84254900 Jacks and hoists of a kind used for raising vehicles, other than hydraulic, nesl (*Begin Effect Date: 01/01/1999*)

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2015 U.S. Tariff and Trade Data for a specific product
 2015 Tariff and Most Recent Annual U.S. Import Information

HTS Number	08062010	
Brief Description	Raisins, made from dried seedless grapes	
Customs value of recent U.S. imports for consumption		
Click for more detail on imports by source country or imports by tariff program or imports by U.S. Customs district of entry or imports by statistical suffix (HTS10)	2014 imports (thousand dollars) \$ 25,423.3	
Tariff Treatment		
Beginning Effective Date (most recent date any part of this HTS item's tariff treatment changed)	10/31/2012	
Ending Effective Date (date any part of this HTS item is next scheduled for tariff treatment change)	12/31/2050	
1st Unit of Quantity (Q1)	Kilograms	
2nd Unit of Quantity (Q2)		
2015 Normal Trade Relations (NTR) duty rate (formerly known as the Most Favored Nation (MFN) duty rate)	MFN Text Rate	1.8 cents/kg
	Duty calculation	(Specific rate) times (Q1)
	Ad Valorem (percent of value) component	0%
	Specific (per unit) component	\$0.018
	Other duty component	\$0
"Column 2" (non-NTR) duty rate (Applies to imports from a small number of countries that do not enjoy NTR duty status)	Binding Status	Bou Trad
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	Duty calculation	(Spe (Q1)
	Ad Valorem (percent of value) component	0%
	Specific (per unit) component	\$0.0
Preferential (duty-free or reduced rate) tariff program applicability to this HTS item		
GSP (Generalized System of Preferences)	Status	Eligible: code "A+" ✓
	Countries Excluded from GSP eligibility on this item	
Civil Acreage Preference		Not eligible
Tariff concession on Dyes		Not eligible

Check if code "A" or "A+" is listed for your product



More detail can be found by clicking on the links here. For example, click on "imports by source country"

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USITC Trade Database--Web Access

US imports for consumption at Customs value for HTS8 08062010:

by sources, in descending value of 2014 imports

Source	2012	2013	2014		2015		Percent change YTD2014- YTD2015
	--thousand dollars--			Percent of total	January-September --thousand dollars--		
All sources	\$ 32,395.6	\$ 34,560.1	\$ 25,423.3	100.0%	\$ 18,762.2	\$ 29,399.8	56.7%
Chile	\$ 22,328.1	\$ 15,854.4	\$ 13,928.2	54.8%	\$ 9,206.0	\$ 9,283.5	0.8%
Republic of South Africa	\$ 2,755.4	\$ 8,524.9	\$ 6,014.2	23.7%	\$ 5,004.9	\$ 8,214.8	64.1%
Mexico	\$ 1,413.8	\$ 1,980.3	\$ 1,237.1	4.9%	\$ 1,010.3	\$ 1,106.2	9.5%
Uzbekistan	\$ 677.1	\$ 1,034.0	\$ 939.3	3.7%	\$ 872.2	\$ 1,193.0	36.8%
Greece	\$ 470.2	\$ 361.6	\$ 884.1	3.5%	\$ 651.0	\$ 907.0	39.3%
China	\$ 307.4	\$ 805.3	\$ 708.9	2.8%	\$ 587.3	\$ 457.0	-22.2%
Argentina	\$ 3,927.5	\$ 3,944.7	\$ 568.3	2.2%	\$ 517.3	\$ 4,752.6	818.7%
Australia	\$ 0.0	\$ 0.0	\$ 557.8	2.2%	\$ 552.9	\$ 1,666.6	201.4%
Turkey	\$ 159.0	\$ 626.5	\$ 394.7	1.6%	\$ 188.2	\$ 1,239.8	558.8%
Afghanistan	\$ 269.1	\$ 893.6	\$ 126.2	0.5%	\$ 120.0	\$ 225.7	88.1%
United Kingdom	\$ 0.0	\$ 0.0	\$ 21.1	0.1%	\$ 21.1	\$ 0.0	-100.0%
Pakistan	\$ 42.0	\$ 37.9	\$ 19.6	0.1%	\$ 14.7	\$ 301.4	1,950.3%
Germany	\$ 0.0	\$ 2.5	\$ 14.5	0.1%	\$ 7.3	\$ 0.0	-100.0%
India	\$ 11.2	\$ 23.3	\$ 9.1	0.0%	\$ 9.1	\$ 25.8	183.5%
Tanzania	\$ 0.0	\$ 0.0	\$ 0.0	0.0%	\$ 0.0	\$ 0.0	
France	\$ 5.7	\$ 5.7	\$ 0.0	0.0%	\$ 0.0	\$ 0.0	

How to Increase Duty-Free Imports into the U.S.



Use GSP as a marketing tool

Ensure that GSP treatment is claimed

Identify GSP-eligible products that you are exporting to other markets

Consider products with a GSP advantage

GSP-Eligible Imports Underutilized in 2014

Product	MFN Tariff	Total Imports	GSP Utilization Rate
Certain imitation jewelry of base metal (HTS 7117.19.90)	11%	\$ 156,856	20%
Certain imitation jewelry not of base metal or plastics (HTS 7117.90.90)	11%	\$ 27,209	18%
Semiprecious stone articles, other than jewelry and figurines (HTS 7116.20.40)	10.5%	\$ 18,605	14%
Raisins, made from other than seedless grapes (HTS 0806.20.20)	2.8¢/kg	\$ 32,937	0%
Other dried fruit (HTS 0813.40.90)	2.5%	\$ 49,379	0%



Export home décor and craft items duty-free under GSP

- Wood statues, bowls, boxes, furniture & tableware (3.2-10.9% duty)
- Ceramic bowls and ornamental articles (6-9.8% duty)
- Woven baskets and bags (3.5-10% duty)
- Drawn & blown glass (up to 7.2% duty)
- Carpets and rugs (2.7-6.8% duty)
- Brass, beaded, silver & other jewelry (5-11% duty)
- String & wind musical instruments (2.9-8.7% duty)
- Wall-hangings & pillow/cushion covers (3.8% duty)

GSP Eligible Textiles and Apparel

Silk fabrics and apparel including dresses, women's suits, scarves,

Hand-loomed cotton fabrics

Many types of gloves and mittens

National flags

Hand-loomed and hand-hooked carpets



Identifying & Developing Potential U.S. Buyers

- **Depends on size, sector, experience**
- **Understanding the US market**
- **What kind of relationship: agent, distributor, partner, joint venture**
- **Best leads: your own network!**
- **Trade shows**



Petition Process to Add New Products



Product must not be excluded by statute (e.g., apparel)

Submit petition during Annual Review

Provide the information required by the regulations

For Further Information

GSP General Information:

- <https://ustr.gov/issue-areas/trade-development/preference-programs/generalized-system-preference-gsp>

U.S. Department of Homeland Security: Customs and Border Protection (CBP):

- <http://www.cbp.gov>

For Further Information

U.S. Tariff Schedule:

- <http://usitc.gov/tata/hts/bychapter/index.htm>
- See esp. General Note 4.

U.S. Tariff Databases:

- http://www.usitc.gov/tariff_affairs/tariff_databases.htm

For Further Information

U.S. Food and Drug Administration:

- <http://www.fda.gov/ForIndustry/FDABasicsforIndustry/default.htm>

Questions on GSP?

- USTR contact: gsp@ustr.eop.gov or + 1-202-395-2974

Thank you!

