## Moldova's GSP trade

The GSP program is designed to promote economic growth in the developing world by providing preferential duty-free entry to the United States for eligible products from Moldova and 122 other beneficiary countries and territories. As a GSP beneficiary country, Moldova has the opportunity to export approximately 3,500 products to the United States duty-free under GSP.<sup>1</sup>

2012 GSP trade: \$2.2 million (9% of total U.S. imports from Moldova)

Moldova's trade increased by 118% from 2011 to 2012. Total imports from Moldova increased by 57% in the same period.

**Leading Imports from Moldova under GSP**: Plastic stoppers, lids, caps, and other closures; wines from grapes, still and sparkling; electrical machine parts; preserved vegetables; and dried beans.

## 2012 GSP utilization rate: 60%

GSP -eligible products for which the benefit was not fully claimed in 2012 include:

HTS	Product	MFN rate of duty	Total 2012 trade	2012 GSP utilization rate
3926.20.90	Articles of apparel & clothing accessories, of plastic	5%	\$1,152,087	4.2%
8309.90.00	Base metal stoppers, caps and lids (o/than crown corks), threaded bungs, bung covers, seals, other packing accessories and parts	2.6%	\$50,600	0%
2205.10.60	Wine of fresh grapes flavored with plants or aromatic substances, other than vermouth, in containers holding 2 liters or less	1.6%	\$46,499	58.8%
9033.00.00	Parts and accessories for machines, appliances, instruments or apparatus of chapter 90, nesi	4.4%	\$27,200	0%
8301.50.00	Base metal clasps and frames with clasps, incorporating locks	3.1%	\$23,190	0%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Legal authorization for the GSP program expired on July 31, 2013 (19 U.S.C. Section 2465). Therefore, as of midnight on August 1, 2013, imports that were previously eligible for duty-free treatment under GSP will be subject to regular, normal trade relations duties (shown in column 1 of the tariff schedule). The U.S. Congress is considering legislation that would extend the authorization of GSP beyond this date. For more information, please see <u>Frequently Asked Questions on GSP Expiration</u>.