

## **GSP Renewal: Frequently Asked Questions**

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### **What is the status of the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) program?**

On March 23, 2018, the President signed legislation to renew the GSP program through December 31, 2020. While legislation to renew GSP was enacted on March 23<sup>rd</sup>, the effective date of renewal is April 22, 2018. GSP-eligible entries will enter the U.S. duty-free on, and after, April 22, 2018. Because the GSP program's renewal is retroactive, importers may seek refunds of duties paid during the lapse of GSP authorization.

In accordance with U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) instructions, importers who marked their GSP-eligible articles after January 1, 2018, with the applicable special program indicator (SPI) for GSP ("A") will receive automatic duty refunds without interest. In addition, for GSP-eligible articles that entered the United States during the lapse of GSP authorization without SPI code "A", importers may submit a GSP duty refund request to CBP. To receive a GSP duty refund, an importer has to file a request by September 19, 2018.