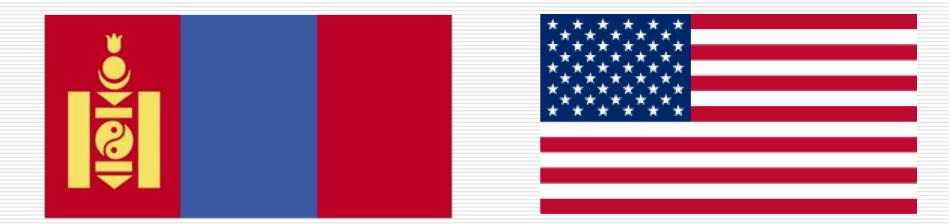
Mongolia's Export Opportunities through GSP

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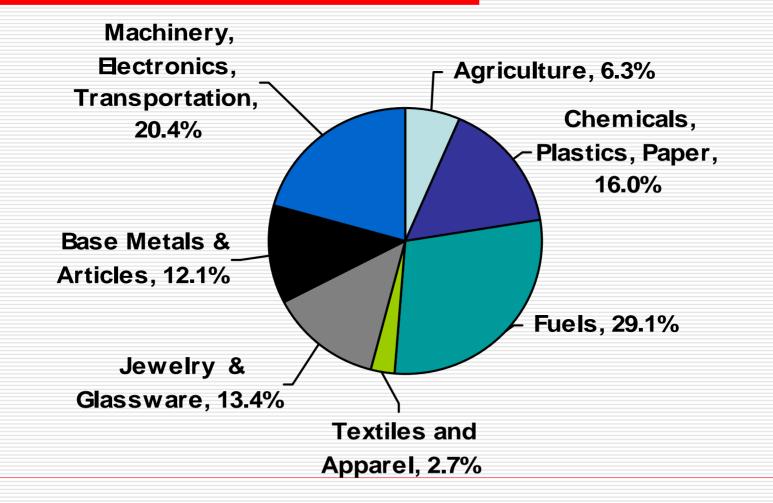
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GSP Program

- Created by Congress in 1974
- Creates opportunities in 132 (131 as of February 1, 2009) countries, while providing cheaper imports for U.S. industries and consumers
- Provides duty-free treatment for 3,400 products
- Major U.S. import program: GSP imports in 2007: \$30.8 billion

Types of U.S. imports that received GSP duty-free treatment in 2007



Mongolia's Exports to the U.S. under GSP in 2007

\$906,485 out of \$84m in total exports

This made up only 1% of total exports to the U.S.!

Mongolia's Exports to the U.S. under GSP in 2008

- Mongolia's use of GSP significantly increased through November 2008: \$5.6m of \$51.5m total exports entered the U.S. duty-free!
- That is an over 500% increase of GSP use from the same period of 2007!

Which Products are Eligible for Duty-Free GSP Treatment?

- Eligible: most dutiable manufactures and inputs for manufactured items; certain agricultural, fishery, and primary industrial products (metals, chemicals, derivatives).
- Not eligible: certain textiles, watches, certain footwear and handbags, luggage, flat goods not made of silk, work gloves, and certain leather apparel.

<u>How to Qualify for Duty-Free</u> Treatment under GSP

- 1. Must be a GSP-eligible product
- 2. Must be exported into the U.S. directly from Egypt or pass through another country on a through bill of lading
- Must be a product or growth of Egypt; or...
- If the product includes imported input, the cost of the local content and processing must equal 35% of the product's price.

<u>Is my product eligible for duty-free</u> <u>treatment under GSP?</u>

The easiest way to find out is to go to:

http://dataweb.usitc.gov/scripts/tariff_current.asp

Fill in the blank with:

- Any part of a product description. For example, "jam" OR
- The tariff number (four, six, or eight numbers). For example, 2007, 200799, or 20079925
- Then click on "List Items"

<u>Claiming GSP Duty-Free</u> <u>Treatment</u>

U.S. importer MUST REQUEST duty-free treatment for the import

How? Importer writes an "A" before the tariff number on Customs entry form 7501

If importer forgets: can apply to U.S. Customs for refund

Make sure importer marks an "A" before the tariff number on the form!

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Job of the Exporter?

- Remind the U.S. importer that your product is eligible for duty-free entry under GSP and to mark "A" on U.S. Customs Entry Form
- Keep good records (cost of production; where produced; if using imported components – where they are from and their cost)

<u>Phyto-sanitary & Sanitary</u> <u>Requirements</u>

- U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulates <u>all</u> food (except most beef and poultry), cosmetics, biologics, drugs & some electronics.
- Product requirements: pure & wholesome; safe to eat; produced under sanitary conditions; informative & truthful labels in English
- Importer files notice and bond to Customs, which contacts FDA: FDA will then decide if test is needed
- Bioterrorism Act: registry of foreign facilities with FDA, including producers, that export food

Increasing Use of GSP Benefits

- 1. Ensure products get GSP duty-free treatment when eligible.
- 2. Increase exports of GSP-eligible textile and apparel products, including those using fur, cashmere, and felt.
- **3.** Identify Mongolia's exports to other countries that are GSP-eligible in U.S.
- 4. Export GSP-eligible minerals and industrial products.
- 5. Use the recently signed certified handicraft arrangement (so that wall hangings and pillow covers can enter the U.S. duty-free).

For Further Information

- Office of the U.S. Trade Representative Website, GSP guidebook and lists of GSP eligible and ineligible products:
 - <u>http://www.ustr.gov/Trade_Development/Preference_Programs/GSP/Section_Index.html</u>

Department of Homeland Security: Customs & Border Protection:

http://www.customs.gov/xp/cgov/import/

- CUSTOMS FORM 7501: <u>https://forms.customs.gov/customsrf/getformharness</u> .asp?formName=cf-7501-form.xft
- http://www.customs.treas.gov/xp/cgov/toolbox/ publications/

For Further Information

U.S. Tariff Schedule: <u>http://www.usitc.gov/tata/hts</u>

U.S. Department of Commerce Trade Information Center:

<u>http://www.trade.gov/td/tic/</u>

Email counseling: tic@ita.doc.gov

<u>For Additional</u> <u>Information</u>

Agricultural Products:

- U.S. Country of Origin Labeling (COOL) requirements that Tunisian exporters of agricultural and seafood products need to satisfy when export to the U.S. market: <u>www.ams.usda.gov/cool</u>
- □ Sanitary certifications:
 - http://www.foodlabels.com/q&a.htm
 - <u>http://www.aphis.usda.gov/import_export/plant</u> <u>s/manuals/ports/downloads/fv.pdf</u>
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 - <u>http://www.cfsan.fda.gov/list.html</u>

Other GSP Programs

go to http://www.unctad.org and type in "GSP" in the search window in the top right corner of the home page

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