

GSP Renewed

On Friday, March 23, 2018, the President signed into law H.R. 1625, the “Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018,” which in addition to providing full-year federal appropriations through September 30, 2018, extended GSP with retroactivity, from January 1, 2018, through December 31, 2020.

Importers should continue to flag GSP-eligible importations with the SPI “A” and pay normal trade relations (column 1) duty rates until the effective date of the Act, April 22, 2018, at which time programming will obviate the duty payment.

Refund Programming

Shortly after April 22, 2018, CBP will begin refunding GSP duties without interest, to the importer of record, for goods on entry summaries filed with SPI "A" preceding the tariff number, during the lapse period.

African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA)

The expiration and reauthorization of GSP have had no impact on goods entered under the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA). Although ACE programming currently allows AGOA claims to be submitted with either SPI "A" or "D," future ACE functionality will limit AGOA claims to SPI "D".

Questions concerning this guidance should be directed to the Trade Agreements Branch at FTA@dhs.gov.