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**EUROPEAN UNION
GENERALISED SCHEME
OF PREFERENCES
(GSP)**

What is EU GSP?

The **Generalised Scheme of Preferences (GSP)** is a facility granted to developing countries (beneficiary countries”) by certain developed countries (“donor countries”). The objective is to alleviate poverty and create jobs based on international values and principles, including labour and human rights. The preferential treatment is non-reciprocal. The first GSP scheme of the EU was granted in 1971.

What are the different schemes under the EU GSP?

Standard GSP

- for low and lower-middle income countries
- partial or full removal of customs duties on 2/3 of tariff lines

GSP Plus (GSP+)

- for vulnerable low and lower-middle income countries that implement 27 international conventions related to human rights, governance
- zero tariffs to 6,274 lines
- beneficiary countries: Armenia, Bolivia, Cabo Verde, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolian, Pakistan, **Philippines**, and Sri Lanka.

Everything But Arms (EBA)

- special arrangement for least developed countries
- duty free, quota-free access for all products except arms and ammunition

What Products are Eligible under the EU GSP+?

The Philippines is one of the beneficiary countries of the EU GSP+ that grants zero tariffs to 6,274 product lines. These products include particular items of fish, dairy, fruits, vegetables, coconut oils, coffee, cocoa, tobacco, chemicals, fertilizers, essential oils, soaps, articles of plastics and rubber, articles of wood and leather, apparels, footwear and headgears, ceramic products, glass and glassware, pearls, fine and costume jewelry, furniture, auto and aero parts, ships and boats, electronics and semi-conductors, watches, and other manufactured articles.

To check if your products are eligible, search on: <http://trade.ec.europa.eu/> and click Trade Helpdesk for exporting to the EU for info on EU requirements, import duties, internal taxes, ROO, and Statistics.

Examples:

HS Code	Product Description	MFN Rate (%)	GSP+ Rate (%)
080390	Bananas, including plantains, fresh or dried	16.00	0
160414	Tuna, skipjack and bonito (Sarda spp.)	25.00	0
151311	For technical or industrial uses other than the manufacture of foodstuffs for human consumption	2.50	0
200820	Pineapples, not containing added sugar	18.40	0
401110	New pneumatic tyres, of rubber, Of a kind used on motor cars (including station wagons and racing cars)	4.50	0
420292	Other travelling-bags, toilet bags, rucksacks and sports bags	2.70	0
620413	Women's or girls' suits, ensembles, jackets, blazers, dresses, skirts, divided skirts, trousers, bib and brace overalls, breeches and shorts (other than swimwear)	12.00	0
640411	Footwear with outer soles of rubber or plastics, sports footwear; tennis shoes, basketball shoes, gym shoes, training shoes and the like	16.90	0
940390	Parts of other materials	2.70	0

How do you avail of zero tariffs under EU GSP+?

Origin is “economic” nationality of goods in the international trade. The standard GSP and GSP+ have the same Rules of Origin (ROO) while EBA has more flexible rules. The EU ROO are guidelines set forth by the EU to determine the origin of goods. Only goods which can hurdle the ROO can get zero tariffs under GSP+.

- Comply with the ROO
- Register with the EU Registered Exporter System (REX)
- The REX is a system of self-certification or origin by exporters with Statements on Origin (replacing certificates of origin Form A).
 - Exporter fills out an application online at <https://customs.ec.europa.eu/rex-pa-ui> and submits it to the Bureau of Customs (BOC).
 - If the application is complete, BOC encodes it in the REX system, assigns a REX number, a registration date and a validity date.
 - BOC informs the exporter of the registration or non-registration.
- Prepare Statement of Origin
Will be made out by the exporters, without intervention of the BOC.

The statement below should be seen in all commercial packages:

“ The exporter ____ (No. of REX) of the products covered by this document declares that, except where otherwise clearly indicated, these products are of Philippine Preferential origin according to rules of origin of the Generalised System of Preferences of the European Union and that the origin criterion met is ”