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## USTR Announces Changes in GSP Eligibility and Enforcement for Seven Countries

Dear Valued Customer,

The Office of U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) announced on October 25, 2019 that President Trump had made changes to the eligibility of seven countries for Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) benefits. Below is a summary of the GSP eligibility changes specific to the seven countries:

- **Thailand** – The U.S. is suspending \$1.3 billion in GSP trade preferences for “failure to adequately provide internationally-recognized worker rights.”
- **Ukraine** – The U.S. is restoring some GSP benefits to the Ukraine in response to their passage of intellectual property (IP) protection legislation. This will go into effect October 30, 2019.
- **Bolivia and Iraq** – USTR is closing GSP eligibility investigations on these countries after a satisfactory review on the countries’ individual worker rights legislation.
- **Uzbekistan** – USTR is closing one of two reviews currently open on Uzbekistan: The IP protection review has been concluded, however, the USTR is still reviewing the GSP worker rights eligibility.
- **Azerbaijan and South Africa** – USTR is opening new GSP reviews on these countries to determine GSP eligibility.

View the [USTR's notice of GSP eligibility changes](#).

The USTR also announced decisions that have been made on specific product eligibility, and have posted the [decisions on petitions to remove, redesignate or add products to GSP](#).

The USTR has also published a [list of goods from Thailand to be removed from GSP eligibility](#) and a [list of Ukrainian goods that are to be restored to GSP eligibility](#).

Thank you for being our Valued Customer. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact C.H. Robinson for further information.

Sincerely,

C.H. Robinson Customs Compliance Team

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