

# CLIENT ADVISORY

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## GSP and AGOA News

Dear Valued U.S. Import Customer,

On March 2, 2020, the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) began accepting petitions for the 2020 Annual Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) Review. The deadline for submission was March 26, 2020. Petitions were to be submitted regarding modification of country status due to country practices, adding products for GSP eligibility, removal of products from GSP eligibility, waiver of competitive needs limitations (CNLs), denial of *de minimis* waivers for eligible products, or re-designation of currently excluded products.

On May 7, 2020, the USTR announced that the GSP Subcommittee would accept written participation in lieu of a public hearing, due to the COVID-19 situation. The deadline for written comments on petitions submitted is May 27, 2020. The USTR would prefer electronic filings of comments via the Federal eRulemaking portal: <https://www.regulations.gov> under Docket No. USTR-2020-0019. For alternatives to online comments, interested parties are directed to contact Claudia Chlebek before the deadline at [gsp@ustr.eop.gov](mailto:gsp@ustr.eop.gov) or 202-395-2974.

Information on the notice and instructions for submitting comments can be found in the Federal Register notice [here](#).

In addition, the USTR announced the initiation of the annual review of the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) on May 13, 2020. The recommendations from this review would be effective for eligibility during calendar year 2021. The deadline for submission of comments on the eligibility of sub-Saharan African countries to receive benefits is June 24, 2020. Electronic submission is recommended and can be made via the Federal eRulemaking portal at <https://www.regulations.gov> under Docket No. USTR-2020-0020. For alternatives to online comments, interested parties are to contact Bennett Harman, Deputy Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Africa, before the deadline at [bharman@ustr.eop.gov](mailto:bharman@ustr.eop.gov) or 202-395-9612.

The Federal Register notice, including instructions for submission of comments, can be found [here](#).

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

Sincerely,  
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