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## Updates to GSP and MTB Tariff Preference Programs

Dear Valued U.S. Import Customer,

Renewals for two key benefit programs, the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) and the Miscellaneous Tariff Bill (MTB) did not make it into key legislation by the U.S. Congress. Both trade programs are set to expire on December 31, 2020.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) recently issued a notice [CSMS #45244051](#) providing guidance for the GSP benefit program. The notice clarifies that “GSP eligible goods entered goods entered or withdrawn from warehouse need to pay ‘General’ (column 1) duty rates effective, January 1, 2021, 12:00 a.m.” Importers can still claim eligibility for the GSP program as of this date by having the special program indicator (SPI) of “A”, “A+”, or “A\*” declared on entry for applicable products.

Until the program is renewed by the U.S. Congress, importers will have to pay the applicable duty. Should the program be renewed the SPI declaration will assist if the refunds are approved to be retroactive to the date of expiration.

No additional guidance was provided by CBP regarding the MTB program at this time.

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,  
C.H. Robinson

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