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MEMORANDUM

September 12, 2008

To: Clients and Friends of the Firm

From: George Thompson
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Re: 2008 Generalized System of Preferences Annual Review

The Office of the United States Trade Representative has announced the briefing schedule for its consideration of petitions submitted as part of the 2008 Annual Review of the Generalized System of Preferences.

GSP is a trade preference program through which the United States provides duty-free entry to eligible products manufactured in and imported from beneficiary developing countries. USTR conducts its Annual Review to determine whether specific products should be added to or deleted from the list of GSP eligible items, and whether certain beneficiary countries should have their GSP eligible status modified. Earlier in 2008, USTR received petitions requesting the addition or deletion of eligible products and requesting modification of certain current beneficiary countries' eligibility for the program.

USTR has now established the briefing schedule for further consideration of these petitions, set forth below.

October 3, 2008—Due date for submission of pre-hearing briefs and requests to appear at the GSP Subcommittee public hearing.

October 10, 2008—Updated trade data (January-August 2008) made available by the United States International Trade Commission at <http://dataweb.usitc.gov>).

October 20, 2008—GSP Subcommittee Public Hearing on product petitions accepted for the 2008 Annual Review

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November 3, 2008—Due date for submission of post-hearing briefs.

November 13, 2008—Due date for submission of new petitions to grant waivers to competitive need limitations for products exceeding those limitations in 2008.

December 2008—Publication of International Trade Commission report concerning 2008 Review scheduled. Parties' comments on report due within 10 days thereafter.

June 30, 2009—USTR announced modifications to the list of articles eligible for duty-free GSP treatment.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions about the 2008 Annual Review or the GSP program in general.

The list of petitions accepted for the 2008 Annual Review is set forth below.

LIST OF PRODUCT PETITIONS ACCEPTED IN THE 2008 GSP ANNUAL REVIEW
 (Per *Federal Register* Notice of September 12, 2008, Vol. 73, Acceptance of Petitions.)

A. Accepted petitions requesting review of product eligibility (Filed June 18, 2008):

1. Petitions for addition of a product to the list of eligible products for the Generalized System of Preferences

ACCEPTED CASE NO.	(FILED CASE #)	HTSUS NO.	Designated	PRODUCT	PETITIONER(s)	COUNTRY	REQUEST	DECISION (Accept or Reject for Review)
2008-01	(2008-01)	0710.10.00	A+ D	Potatoes	Gov. of Arab Republic of Egypt	Egypt	Add	Accept
2008-02	(2008-02)	0710.30.00	A+ D	Spinach, New Zealand and orache spinach (garden spinach)	Gov. of Arab Republic of Egypt	Egypt	Add	Accept
2008-03	(2008-03)	0710.40.00	A+ D	Sweet corn	Gov. of Arab Republic of Egypt	Egypt	Add	Accept
2008-04	(2008-04)	0710.80.97.22	A+ D	Broccoli spears, frozen. (breakout of frozen vegetables 0710.80.97)	Ecuadorian American Chamber of Commerce	Ecuador	Add	Accept
2008-05	(2008-05)	0710.80.97.24	A+ D	Broccoli except spears, in containers holding more than 1.4 kg, frozen (breakout of frozen vegetables 0710.80.97)	Ecuadorian American Chamber of Commerce	Ecuador	Add	Accept
2008-06	(2008-06)	0710.80.97.26	A+ D	Broccoli except spears, in containers holding not over 1.4 kg, frozen (breakout of frozen vegetables 0710.80.97)	Ecuadorian American Chamber of Commerce	Ecuador	Add	Accept
2008-07	(2008-07)	2008.92.90.40	A+	Mixtures of fruits containing oranges or grapefruits in a liquid medium in airtight containers (breakout of other mixtures of fruit 2008.92.90)	Camerican International, Inc. (Camerican) (of Paramus, NJ) [Importing now from Swaziland & Thailand.]	U.S.A.	Add	Accept
2008-08	(2008-08)	2009.41.20	A+ D	Pineapple juice, single strength (not concentrated) of a Brix value not exceeding 20	Dole Packaged Foods, LLC (of Westlake Village, CA) (wholly owned subsidiary of Dole Food Co.)	Philippines	Add	Accept
2008-09	(2008-09)	2009.49.20	A+ D	Pineapple juice, single strength (not concentrated) other than of a Brix value not exceeding 20	Dole Packaged Foods, LLC (of Westlake Village, CA) (wholly owned subsidiary of Dole Food Co.)	Philippines	Add	Accept
2008-10	(2008-10)	3901.20.10		Polyethylene having a specific gravity of 0.94 or more: Having a relative viscosity of 1.44 or more. High Density Polyethylene (HDPE).	Istanbul Metals and Minerals Exporters' Association (IMMIB)	Turkey	Add	Accept

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2007-05	(2007-31)	4412.39.50.30 (If granted would require creation of a new 8 digit HTS tariff line.)	A+ D	Other plywood sheets, not exceeding 6mm in thickness, with at least 1 outer ply of certain pines	Urupanel S.A. (Uruguay)	Uruguay	Add	Review continued from 2007 Annual Review

2. Petitions to remove duty-free status from a beneficiary developing country for a product on the list of eligible articles for the Generalized System of Preferences

ACCEPTED CASE NO.	(FILED CASE #)	HTSUS NO.	Designated	PRODUCT	PETITIONER(s)	COUNTRY	REQUEST	DECISION (Accept or Reject for Review)
2008-11	(2008-11)	3907.60.00	A*	Polyethylene terephthalate – PET resin. (A* -- is on the GSP program, Argentina and Thailand excluded.)	U.S. PET Resin Coalition	India	Remove from India	Accept
2008-12	(2008-12)	3907.60.00	A*	Polyethylene terephthalate – PET resin. (A* -- is on the GSP program, Argentina and Thailand excluded.)	U.S. PET Resin Coalition	Indonesia	Remove from Indonesia	Accept
2008-13	(2008-13)	3908.10.00	A	Polyamide-6 (Nylon 6)	BASF Corporation (Florham Park, NJ)	Thailand	Remove from Thailand	Accept

B. Country Practice Petitions in the 2008 GSP Annual Review - - Filed June 18, 2008, and Ongoing Country Practice Cases

CASE NUMBERS	PETITIONER	COUNTRY	ACTION	STATUS
* 001-CP-08	AFL-CIO	BANGLADESH	WR	Review continued; progress to be reviewed in specific timeframe (was 001-CP-07)
002-CP-08	AFL-CIO	IRAQ	WR	Defer decision to January 2009
* 003-CP-08	International Labor Rights Fund (ILRF)	NIGER	WR	Review continued; progress to be reviewed in specific timeframe (was 002-CP-07)
* 004-CP-08	ILRF	PHILIPPINES	WR	Review continued; progress to be reviewed in specific timeframe (was 007-CP-07)
005-CP-08	AFL-CIO	SRI LANKA	WR	Defer decision to January 2009

CASE NUMBERS	PETITIONER	COUNTRY	ACTION	STATUS
* 006-CP-08	ILRF	UZBEKISTAN	WR	Review continued; progress to be reviewed in specific timeframe (was 003-CP-07)
* 007-CP-08	International Intellectual Property Alliance (IIPA)	LEBANON	IPR	Review continued; progress to be reviewed in specific timeframe (was 004-CP-07)
* 008-CP-08	IIPA	RUSSIA	IPR	Review continued (was 005-CP-07)
* 009-CP-08	IIPA	UZBEKISTAN	IPR	Review continued; progress to be reviewed in specific timeframe (was 006-CP-07)

* Review continued from Ongoing Country Practice Annual Review Cases

C. Product Petitions Rejected for Review in the 2008 GSP Annual Review by Filed Case #

(FILED CASE #)	HTSUS NO.	Designated	PRODUCT	PETITIONER(s)	COUNTRY	REQUEST	DECISION (Accept or Reject for Review)
(2008-14)	4202.22.40		Vanity bags with outer surface of sheeting of plastic/textile	Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts (EPCH), of Ministry of Textiles, Gov. of India.	India	Add	Reject
(2008-15)	4202.22.70		Handbags, outer surface textile material, wholly or part braid, having 85% or more silk or silk waste	Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts (EPCH), of Ministry of Textiles, Gov. of India.	India	Add	Reject
(2008-16)	5112.90.50		Woven tapestry/upholstery fabrics of combed wool/fine animal hair	Handloom Export Promotion Council, Ministry of Textiles, Gov. of India	India	Add	Reject
(2008-17)	5702.99.05	A*	Hand-loomed carpets & other textile floor coverings, not of pile construction, woven, made up, of cotton. (A* - - is on the GSP program, all GSP countries eligible excluding India.)	Handloom Export Promotion Council, Ministry of Textiles, Gov. of India	India	Add	Reject
(2008-18)	5703.10.20	A	Hand-loomed carpets & other textile floor coverings, tufted, whether or not made up, of wool or fine animal hair. (A - - is on GSP program, all GSP countries eligible including India.)	Handloom Export Promotion Council, Ministry of Textiles, Gov. of India	India	Add	Already eligible for import under GSP
(2008-19)	5802.19.00		Terry toweling & similar woven terry fabrics of cotton, other than unbleached	Handloom Export Promotion Council, Ministry of Textiles, Gov. of India	India	Add	Reject

(FILED CASE #)	HTSUS NO.	Designated	PRODUCT	PETITIONER(s)	COUNTRY	REQUEST	DECISION (Accept or Reject for Review)
(2008-20)	5804.30.00		Hand made lace	Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts (EPCH), of Ministry of Textiles, Gov. of India.	India	Add	Reject
(2008-21)	6214.10.20		Shawls, scarves, mufflers, mantillas, veils and the like, not knitted, with less than 70% silk	Handloom Export Promotion Council, Ministry of Textiles, Gov. of India	India	Add	Reject
(2008-22)	6216.00.90		Gloves, mittens and mitts, not knitted, of textile materials nesoi	Handloom Export Promotion Council, Ministry of Textiles, Gov. of India	India	Add	Reject
(2008-23)	6302.31.70		Bed linen, not knit/croc, not printed, of cotton, no embroidery, lace, edging	Handloom Export Promotion Council, Ministry of Textiles, Gov. of India	India	Add	Reject
(2008-24)	6302.51.20		Plain woven tablecloths and napkins, not knitted or crocheted, of cotton	Handloom Export Promotion Council, Ministry of Textiles, Gov. of India	India	Add	Reject
(2008-25)	6302.51.40		Table linen, other than tablecloths and napkins, not knitted or crocheted, of cotton, nesoi	Handloom Export Promotion Council, Ministry of Textiles, Gov. of India	India	Add	Reject
(2008-26)	6302.60.00		Toilet linen and kitchen linen, of terry toweling or similar terry fabrics, of cotton	Handloom Export Promotion Council, Ministry of Textiles, Gov. of India	India	Add	Reject
(2008-27)	6303.91.00		Curtains (including drapes), interior blinds and valances of cotton, not knitted or crocheted	Handloom Export Promotion Council, Ministry of Textiles, Gov. of India	India	Add	Reject
(2008-28)	6304.19.10		Bedspreads, not knitted or crocheted, of cotton, nesoi	Handloom Export Promotion Council, Ministry of Textiles, Gov. of India	India	Add	Reject
(2008-29)	6304.92.00		Furnishing articles not knitted or crocheted, of cotton	Handloom Export Promotion Council, Ministry of Textiles, Gov. of India	India	Add	Reject
(2008-30)	6304.99.10	A	Certified hand-loomed and folklore products: Wall hangings, not knitted or crocheted, of wool or fine animal hair. (A -- is on GSP program, all GSP countries eligible including India.)	Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts (EPCH), of Ministry of Textiles, Gov. of India.	India	Add	Reject for review: eligible for GSP if a bilateral certified handicraft agree-

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							ment is negotiated.
(2008-31)	6304.99.40	A	Certified hand-loomed and folklore: pillow covers of wool or fine animal hair, not knitted or crocheted. (A - is on GSP program, all GSP countries eligible including India.)	Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts (EPCH), of Ministry of Textiles, Gov. of India.	India	Add	Reject for review: eligible for GSP if a bilateral certified handicraft agreement is negotiated.
(2008-32)	6307.10.20		Floor cloths, dishcloths & similar cleaning cloths of textile materials	Handloom Export Promotion Council, Ministry of Textiles, Gov. of India	India	Add	Reject
(2008-33)	6305.33.00		Sacks and bags, of polyethylene strip. Laminated woven sacks.	Uflex, Ltd.	India	Add	Reject
(2008-34)	6505.90.80		Hats and headgear, of mmf, made up from felt or other textile material (but not knitted or crocheted), not in part of braid	Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts (EPCH), of Ministry of Textiles, Gov. of India.	India	Add	Reject
(2008-35)	6505.90.90		Hats and other headgear, of silk blend	Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts (EPCH), of Ministry of Textiles, Gov. of India.	India	Add	Reject
(2008-36)	6908.10.10	D	Glazed ceramic tiles, less than 7 cm, not over 3,229 tiles/square meter	Gov. of Arab Republic of Egypt	Egypt	Add	Reject
(2008-37)	6908.10.20	A*	Glazed ceramic tiles, less than 7 cm, the largest surface area of which is less than 38.7 cm ² . (A* - is on the GSP program, all GSP countries eligible including Egypt; and excluding Thailand.)	Gov. of Arab Republic of Egypt	Egypt	Add	Already eligible
(2008-38)	6908.90.00	D	Glazed ceramic tiles, cubes and similar articles, other	Gov. of Arab Republic of Egypt	Egypt	Add	Reject
(2008-39)	7113.11.20	A	Silver articles of jewelry & parts thereof, nesoi, valued not over \$18 per dozen pieces or parts	Manufacturing Jewelers & Suppliers of America (MJSA)	Thailand	Remove from Thailand	Reject
(2008-40)	7113.11.50	A	Silver articles of jewelry & parts thereof, nesoi, valued over \$18 per dozen pieces or parts	Manufacturing Jewelers & Suppliers of America (MJSA)	Thailand	Remove from Thailand	Reject
(2008-41)	7113.19.25	A	Gold mixed link necklaces & neck chains	Manufacturing Jewelers & Suppliers of America (MJSA)	India	Remove from India	Reject
(2008-42)	7113.19.29	A	Gold necklaces & neck chains (other than of rope or mixed links)	Manufacturing Jewelers & Suppliers of America (MJSA)	India	Remove from India	Reject
(2008-43)	7113.19.29	A	Gold necklaces & neck chains	Manufacturing	Turkey	Remove	Reject

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			(other than of rope or mixed links)	Jewelers & Suppliers of America (MJSA)		from Turkey	
(2008-44)	8704.21.00	A+ D	Single and double cab pick-up trucks – G.V.W. not exceeding 5 metric tons	Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd	India	Add	Reject