

Department for International Trade

Consultation on the UK Trade Preferences Scheme

Introduction and guidance

On introducing a new trade preferences scheme, the government is committed to taking into account the views of all sectors of society and international stakeholders, including businesses, the general public, civil society groups, consumers, associations and any other interested stakeholders.

The GSP Consultation offers respondents the opportunity to provide views on:

1. Simplifying rules of origin requirements for Least Developed Countries (LDCs);
2. Simplifying and reducing tariffs for low-income and lower-middle-income countries in the Enhanced and General Frameworks;
3. Reassessing the approach to goods graduation for countries in the General Framework; and
4. Reassessing some conditions of the GSP applicable to all three frameworks, and those which specifically apply to the Enhanced Framework.

Please refer to the statement of direction for further details on the policy proposals and the information pack for more information on GSP and tariffs.

The landing page has a downloadable spreadsheet (GSP consultation - commodity codes tables – accessible) which shows the full list of commodity codes and indicative descriptions of goods which can be used to help answer questions 2, 5, 8, 11 and 35.

Privacy notice

This notice sets out your rights with respect to how we will use your personal data. The Department for International Trade (DIT) recognizes that it has a duty to people whose information it holds to treat that information responsibly, keep it safe and secure, and process it correctly and proportionately. This Privacy Notice broadly explains what

information we collect, the purpose for processing, categories of personal information and who we may share it with.

Purpose

The government is committed to an ambitious, transparent, and inclusive UK trade policy that takes account of the views of all sectors of society and international stakeholders, including businesses, the general public, civil society groups, consumers, associations and any other interested stakeholders. In line with this, the government has launched an 8-week public consultation on the UK's future tariff schedule and policies in relation to the Generalised Scheme of Preferences.

The personal information received in response to the consultation will be processed for the purposes of obtaining the opinions of members of the public and representatives of businesses and other organisations about the matters referred to in the consultation.

In addition, we use your personal data to help us identify any responses from bots or other fraudulent sources to maintain the integrity of the consultation. We may also use your contact details, with your consent, to get in touch with you to discuss your response to our consultation or to get in touch to discuss other trade related issues.

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Legal basis of processing

The processing of personal information is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in the Department for International Trade. The task is consulting on departmental policies or proposals, or obtaining opinion data, in order to develop good and effective policies. In this case, the task will include:

- designing an effective trade preferences policy for developing countries
- ensuring that the views of stakeholders are considered in relation to the UK's updated trade preferences scheme

Your data

Information to be collected as part of the consultation:

- Name (first name and surname)
- Email Address
- Internet Protocol address (IP address)
- Name of Organisation / Business / Organisation you represent, if any

How we may share your information

Your personal data will be processed and shared within the Department for International Trade and the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office and with selected third parties. Third parties with whom information and personal data will be shared with are:

- Other government departments including but not limited to:
 - Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy
 - Ministry of Housing, Communities Local Government
 - Department for Transport
 - HM Revenue & Customs; HM Treasury
 - Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
 - Department of Health and Social Care
 - Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport
 - Ministry of Justice.

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We will not:

- sell or rent your data to third parties
- share your data with third parties for marketing purposes.

We will also share your data if we are required to do so by law or regulation - for example, by court order, or to prevent fraud or other crime.

How long we will retain your information

We will only retain your personal data for as long as necessary to fulfil the purposes we collected it for, including for the purposes of satisfying any legal, accounting, or reporting requirements.

We will only retain your personal data for as long as:

- it is needed for the purposes set out in this document
- the law requires us to

Subject to the paragraph above, we will retain your personal data for up to 3 years from the date on which it is provided or subsequently updated and your overall response for up to 10 years, however we conduct regular reviews to ensure we only keep information required for the purpose of which it was collected. Should there be any indication that there will be a business need to extend this retention period, this will be robustly reviewed, and any changes will be clearly outlined and recorded in a revised notice.

Your rights and access to your information

You have the right to request a copy of the personal data that we hold about you. The DPA also gives you additional rights that refer to how the DIT holds and uses your information.

Consequently, under certain circumstances, by law you have the right to:

- raise an objection to how your data is processed
- withdraw consent and to object and restrict further processing of your data; however, where legally enforceable this may affect the service, we are able to provide to you
- request to have your data deleted where there is no compelling reason for its continued processing and provided that there are no legitimate grounds for retaining it
- request your data to be rectified if it is inaccurate or incomplete
- not be subject to automated decision-making including profiling
- request details about how your personal data is processed and to request a copy of your personal data

Identity and contact details: The Department for International Trade is registered as a Data Controller under the General Data Protection Regulation and Data Protection Act 2018. Our contact details are:

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Whitehall
London
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You have a right to complain to us if you think we have not complied with our obligation for handling your personal information. You can contact our Data Protection Officer using the same contact.

If you are not satisfied with the DIT response you have a right to complain to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). You can report a concern by visiting the ICO website.

For more information about your rights under the Data Protection Act or to request a copy of any data held about you please contact data.protection@trade.gov.uk.

Confidentiality

Information provided whilst contributing to this consultation, including personal data, may be published, or disclosed in accordance with access to information regimes, primarily the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR) and the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA).

If you want the information you provide to be treated confidentially, please be aware that, in accordance with the FOIA and EIR, public authorities are required to comply with a statutory regime and code of practice which deals, amongst other things, with obligations of confidence. In view of this, it would be helpful if you could state using the opportunity provided in the consultation questionnaire which information in your response you would like to be treated as confidential and explain the reason for your request (for example, due to reasons of commercial sensitivity). If the information is commercially sensitive, please explain why that is the case. If we receive a request for disclosure of information that has been provided, we will take full account of your explanation, but we cannot give an assurance that confidentiality can be maintained in all circumstances.

By answering these questions, I give my consent for the contents to be used for the purposes of this consultation. This includes the data being shared with Other UK

Government Departments as necessary to complete this consultation. Any details of this consultation published will not include any personal identifiable details.

Have you read and do you accept the conditions for the collection of personal data laid out in the Privacy Notice and obtained consent from the organisation you represent for the Department for International Trade to gather their response as outlined in the DIT Privacy Notice?

Please note that your consent will be required for this question in order to continue.

Yes

No

Do you consent for the Department for International Trade, or organisations working on their behalf, to contact you regarding the responses you have given?

For example, to clarify any of your responses or to request additional information.

Yes

No

Would you like the Department for International Trade to contact you about wider trade policy and related developments?

Yes

No

Please provide your name

This information is mandatory. Please see the privacy notice for reasons why this information is needed.

First Name _____

Surname _____

Please provide your email address

Your email will help us manage responses and prevent us recording duplicate responses. By entering your email address you will automatically receive an acknowledgement email when you submit your response.

Please verify your email address

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Are you content for you/your organisation to be identified in the government's response to the consultation?

Yes

No

Are you content for your response to be directly quoted in the government's response to the consultation?

Yes

No

How did you find out about this consultation?

- GOV.UK
 - Social Media
 - Business Association
 - Trade Union
 - Word of Mouth
 - Other (please specify)
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Who are you responding on behalf of?

- An individual - You are responding with your personal views, not as an official representative of any organisation.
- Non-governmental organisation - You are responding on behalf of a non-governmental organisation (an organisation outside of the Public sector set up not for purposes that are primarily to conduct business). **(Please complete the information on page 22 regarding Non-governmental organisations)**
- Public sector body - You are responding in an official capacity as a representative of a public body either in the UK or elsewhere (Devolved
- Administration / Local government organisation, etc). **(Please complete the information on page 19 regarding Public Sector Bodies)**
- Business - You are responding in an official capacity with the views of an individual business. **(Please complete the information on page 13 regarding Businesses)**
- Business association - You are responding in an official capacity representing the views of a business organization **(Please complete the information at the bottom of this page regarding Business Associations)**

Other international government.

Other- Please specify.

Business Association Information (if applicable)

What is the name of the trade association or business representative organisation you are responding on behalf of?

Please specify the number of business represented. *This information is mandatory*

0-9

10-100

101-250

251-1000

1001-5000

5001-10000

More than 10000

Don't know

Prefer not to say

Please specify the average size of the business represented. *This information is mandatory*

- Micro (0-9 employees)
 - Small (10-49 employees)
 - Medium (50-249 employees)
 - Large (250 employees or above)
 - Don't know
 - Prefer not to say
-

Which business area(s) does your organisation represent? *This information is mandatory.* Please select all that apply

- Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing
- Other- Agriculture
- Energy production and distribution
- Mining and extraction
- Other- Energy and Mining
- Aerospace
- Automotive
- Chemicals
- Clothing and Textiles

- Food, Beverages and Tobacco
- ICT and Electronics
- Machinery and equipment
- Metal products
- Pharmaceuticals
- Wood, Paper and Printing
- Other- Manufacturing
- Construction services
- Architecture
- Audit or accountancy
- Financial services and insurance
- Legal services
- Real estate
- Other- Business Services
- Broadcasting
- Digital and information technology
- Creative industry

- Other- Broadcasting, Creative and Digital
- Air transport
- Water transport
- Storage and distribution
- Other- Transport, Storage and Distribution
- Education
- Health and social care
- Other- Public Services
- Retail
- Hotels and restaurants
- Other- Retail and Hospitality
- Prefer not to say

Business Information (if applicable)

What is the name of your business?

What is your company number with Companies House? If you are content to enter this number, we will be able to link your information to our records and ensure the relevant government officials will be made aware of your concerns and priorities.

Please specify your company house number

Don't know

Prefer not to say

Do not have a company number

Approximately how many employees are currently on your businesses' payroll in the UK across all sites?

0 (self-employed with no employees)

1-9

10-49

50-99

100-249

250-499

500-4999

5000 or more

Don't know

Prefer not to say

Where is your business located?

- South East England
- Greater London
- South West England
- East of England
- West Midlands
- East Midlands
- Yorkshire and the Humber
- North West England
- North East England
- Scotland
- Wales
- Northern Ireland
- Other country, please specify:

- Prefer not to say

In what sector(s) does your business predominately operate in the UK? *This information is mandatory.* Please select all that apply.

- Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing

- Other- Agriculture
- Energy production and distribution
- Mining and extraction
- Other- Energy and Mining
- Aerospace
- Automotive
- Chemicals
- Clothing and Textiles
- Food, Beverages and Tobacco
- ICT and Electronics
- Machinery and equipment
- Metal products
- Pharmaceuticals
- Wood, Paper and Printing
- Other- Manufacturing
- Construction services
- Architecture

- Audit or accountancy
- Financial services and insurance
- Legal services
- Real estate
- Other- Business Services
- Broadcasting
- Digital and information technology
- Creative industry
- Other- Broadcasting, Creative and Digital
- Air transport
- Water transport
- Storage and distribution
- Other- Transport, Storage and Distribution
- Education
- Health and social care
- Other- Public Services
- Retail

- Hotels and restaurants
 - Other- Retail and Hospitality
 - Prefer not to say
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Do you import or export goods into the UK?

	Yes	No	Prefer not to say
Import	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Export	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

If you answered 'Yes' to the above question, which regions do you import or export goods into the UK from?

- Africa
- Asia-Pacific
- China
- Eastern Europe and Central Asia Network
- Europe
- Latin America
- Middle East
- North America
- South Asia

If you import or export to the UK, do you import on UK GSP terms?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know
- Prefer not to say

Public sector body information (if applicable)

What is the name of the public sector body you are responding on behalf of?

Which area(s) does your public sector body represent? *This information is mandatory.* Please select all that apply.

- Education
- Health
- Labour/Workers Rights
- Human Rights
- Religious interests/groups
- International Development
- Food
- Environment
- Animals
- Farmers
- Consumers
- Product regulation/safety
- Manufacturing
- Transport
- Science/Technology
- Digital/Technology
- Broadcasting/Entertainment
- Financial/Business Services
- Defense/Security
- Devolved Administration/Local government UK
- National government (non-UK)
- Regional/Local government (non-UK)
- Other (please specify)

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- Prefer not to say

Non-governmental organisation Information (if applicable)

What is the name of the organisation you are responding on behalf of? (e.g. trade union, interest group, charity or academic institution)

What is your company number with Companies House?

If you are content to enter this number, we will be able to link your information to our records and ensure the relevant government officials will be made aware of your concerns and priorities.

- Company house number

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- Don't know

- Prefer not to say

- Do not have a company house number

Which area(s) does your organisation represent? *This information is mandatory.*

Please select all that apply.

- Education
- Health
- Labour/Workers Rights
- Human Rights
- Religious interests/groups

- International Development
 - Food
 - Environment
 - Animals
 - Farmers
 - Consumers
 - Product regulation/safety
 - Manufacturing
 - Transport
 - Science/Technology
 - Digital/Technology
 - Broadcasting/Entertainment
 - Financial/Business Services
 - Defence/Security
 - Academic institution
 - Other (please specify)
-
- Prefer not to say

How many members does your organisation represent in total?

- 0-9
 - 10-100
 - 101-250
 - 251-1000
 - 1001-5000
 - 5001-10000
 - More than 10000
 - Don't know
 - Prefer not to say
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Section 1: tariff rates

This section will give you an opportunity to comment on possible amendments to the UK's GSP tariff schedules, including simplifying tariffs, extending the coverage of GSP to more goods and providing greater tariff reductions.

Q1. How aware were you of Generalised Scheme of Preferences (GSP) tariffs prior to hearing about this consultation?

- Aware
- Somewhat aware
- Not aware
- Don't know

Comparatively low tariffs are commonly known as “nuisance tariffs”. Currently, GSP tariffs are removed if the tariff rate is 1% or less; or if the GSP rate contains a monetary value or combined monetary value of £2 or less.

In line with the UK Global Tariff, the government is considering increasing the threshold for nuisance tariffs in the UK GSP to 2%. **The full list of commodity codes for goods with tariff rates between 1% and 2% in the General Framework, and their indicative descriptions can be found and downloaded on the consultation landing page. GSP consultation - commodity codes tables – accessible.**

Q2. Should the government set all GSP tariffs of 2% or less to zero?

- Yes (Please skip to Q5)
- No
- Don't know (Please skip to Q5)
- Don't know but would like to comment on specific codes

Q3 Please select all of the products that you wish to comment on.

- All
- 50071000
- 51061010
- 51061090
- 51062010
- 51071010
- 51071090
- 51081010
- 51081090
- 51082010
- 51082090
- 51091010
- 51100000
- 56012110
- 56012190
- 56012210
- 56012900

56013000

57021000

63051010

Q4 Please provide comments on your selection

All	
50071000	
51061010	
51061090	
51062010	
51071010	
51071090	
51081010	
51081090	
51082010	

51082090	
51091010	
51100000	
56012110	
56012190	
56012210	
56012900	
56013000	
57021000	
63051010	

Seasonal tariffs are tariffs that change depending on the time of year. The UK Global Tariff has simplified several seasonal tariffs by applying a single tariff throughout the year instead. The government is considering applying a single GSP tariff throughout the year on these goods.

Refer to the Information Pack for an example, GSP consultation tables spreadsheet (available on the landing page) to check which goods are currently subject to seasonal tariffs under GSP.

Q5 Should the government simplify certain seasonal tariffs that apply to goods from countries in the Enhanced and/or General Framework? The full list of commodity codes and their indicative descriptions are can be found and downloaded on the consultation landing page. GSP consultation - commodity codes tables – accessible.

- Yes, for all seasonal tariffs
- Yes, for some specific seasonal tariffs
- No
- Don't know
- Don't know but would like to comment on specific codes

Q6. Please select all of the products that you wish to comment on.

- All
- 7070005
- 7099100
- 8052110
- 8052190

- 8052200
- 8052900
- 806101005
- 806101090
- 8083090
- 8091000
- 8092900
- 8093010
- 8093090
- 8094005
- 8101000

Q7. Please provide comments on your selection.

All	
7070005	
7099100	
8052110	
8052190	
8052200	
8052900	
806101005	
806101090	
8083090	

8091000	
8092900	
8093010	
8093090	
8094005	
8101000	

The government is considering providing GSP tariff reductions on more goods for countries in the General and Enhanced Frameworks.

You may comment on groups of goods classified at the Chapter level (HS2), heading level (HS4) or subheading level (HS6), or you may comment on individual goods (classified at the CN8 or CN10 level).

The landing page has a downloadable spreadsheet (GSP consultation - commodity codes tables – accessible) which shows the full list of commodity codes and indicative descriptions of goods currently excluded from the Enhanced and/or General framework.

Q8. Do you think the government should make more goods from countries in the Enhanced Framework and/or General Framework eligible for GSP tariff reductions?

- Yes
- Yes I would like to comment on specific codes

- No
- No I would like to comment of specific codes
- Don't know

Q9 Please select the product(s) that you wish to comment on by inserting the commodity code(s) into the text box.

You may comment on groups of goods classified at the Chapter level (HS2), heading level (HS4) or subheading level (HS6), or you may comment on individual goods (classified at the CN8 or CN10 level). Refer to the commodity codes tables spreadsheet for a list of good

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

Q10 Please provide comments on your selected commodity codes and their eligibility for the relevant GSP framework(s).

Commodity code (please write which you would like to comment on)	General Framework proposed change to tariff Please delete as appropriate	Enhanced Framework proposed change to tariff Please delete as appropriate	Please provide comments
	Include / Continue to exclude	Include / Continue to exclude	
	Include / Continue to exclude	Include / Continue to exclude	
	Include / Continue to exclude	Include / Continue to exclude	
	Include / Continue to exclude	Include / Continue to exclude	

	Include / Continue to exclude	Include / Continue to exclude	
	Include / Continue to exclude	Include / Continue to exclude	
	Include / Continue to exclude	Include / Continue to exclude	
	Include / Continue to exclude	Include / Continue to exclude	
	Include / Continue to exclude	Include / Continue to exclude	
	Include / Continue to exclude	Include / Continue to exclude	
	Include / Continue to exclude	Include / Continue to exclude	
	Include / Continue to exclude	Include / Continue to exclude	

The government is considering providing greater tariff reductions on eligible goods from countries in the Enhanced and General Frameworks. Refer to the GSP tariff schedule to check which countries fall under the Enhanced and General Frameworks, and which tariffs are not already set to zero.

Q11. Do you think the government should provide greater tariff reductions on eligible goods from countries in the Enhanced Framework and/or General Framework?

- Yes (Please go to Section 2)
- Yes I would like to comment on specific codes
- No (Please go to Section 2)
- No I would like to comment on specific codes
- Don't know - skip to the next question (Please go to Section 3)

The landing page has a downloadable spreadsheet (GSP consultation - commodity codes tables – accessible) which shows the full list of commodity codes and indicative descriptions of goods currently excluded from the Enhanced and/or General framework.

Q12. Please select the product(s) that you wish to comment on by writing the commodity code(s) on the lines provided

You may comment on groups of goods classified at the Chapter level (HS2), heading level (HS4) or subheading level (HS6), or you may comment on individual goods (classified at the CN8 or CN10 level).

Q13. Please provide responses on your selected commodity codes and tariffs below.

Commodity code	General framework - proposed change to tariff Please delete as appropriate	Enhanced framework - proposed change to tariff Please delete as appropriate	c) Please provide any other comments
	Reduce / Keep the same	Reduce / Keep the same	
	Reduce / Keep the same	Reduce / Keep the same	
	Reduce / Keep the same	Reduce / Keep the same	
	Reduce / Keep the same	Reduce / Keep the same	
	Reduce / Keep the same	Reduce / Keep the same	
	Reduce / Keep the same	Reduce / Keep the same	

	Reduce / Keep the same	Reduce / Keep the same	
	Reduce / Keep the same	Reduce / Keep the same	
	Reduce / Keep the same	Reduce / Keep the same	
	Reduce / Keep the same	Reduce / Keep the same	
	Reduce / Keep the same	Reduce / Keep the same	

Section 2: goods graduation

This section will give you an opportunity to comment on possible changes to the approach to goods graduation. Goods graduation is the suspension of preferential rates of customs duty on certain imports following a goods graduation assessment. These imports are deemed highly competitive and to no longer need preferences to compete in the UK market. These imports cannot benefit from preferential rates and the UK Global Tariff will apply instead. Suspensions can be applied to goods from countries in the General Framework.

More information on which goods currently face suspensions can be found in the Graduated goods notice and information on the methodology used to assess competitiveness of goods can be found in the Information Pack.

Q. 14 Would you like to respond to questions on goods graduation under the UK GSP?

- Yes
 - No (Please go to Section 3)
-

Q15 Do you think the government should amend its approach to goods graduation?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know (Go to Q17)

Q16 Please explain your answer.

The goods graduation assessment, which determines the graduated goods list, groups GSP goods according to “GSP section”. The use of GSP sections has been rolled over from the EU’s GSP.

Q17. Do you think the government should amend the grouping of goods used in the goods graduation assessment? Refer to the Information Pack for the list of GSP sections.

- Yes
- No

Don't know (skip to 19)

Q18 Please explain your answer.

Q19 The government will review the list of graduated goods every 3 years. Do you think the government should review its list of graduated goods more or less frequently than this?

- Keep the assessment every 3 years
- Increase frequency
- Reduce frequency
- Don't know (Please go to Q20)

Q20. Please explain your answer.

Section 3: Rules of Origin - general

This section will give you an opportunity to comment on the general provisions of the GSP rules of origin, including cumulation.

Rules of origin determine where goods originate from and which goods can benefit from GSP tariff rates. Information about rules of origin requirements can be found in the Information Pack.

Q21. Were you aware of the GSP rules of origin requirements before hearing about this consultation?

- Aware
- Somewhat aware
- Not aware

Q22 Do you think there is sufficient information online about the GSP rules of origin requirements?

- Yes (Skip to 24)
- No
- Don't know

Q23 What information would help you understand the GSP rules of origin requirements better?

Q24 How easy do you think it is for traders in Least Developed Countries (LDCs) to comply with the current GSP rules of origin requirements.

The list of LDCs can be found in the Information Pack

- Easy (Skip to Q25)
- Relatively easy
- Relatively difficult
- Difficult

Q25 Please explain the aspects of the rules of origin requirements that you consider not easy for traders in LDCs to comply with.

Where possible please provide information on the importance of these issues to you or your organisation.

Q26 'Cumulation' provides producers with flexibility in terms of sourcing materials, allowing them to use materials from suppliers located in other countries and still qualify for preferential tariffs.

Q27 Were you aware of the cumulation possibilities within the GSP before hearing about this consultation?

- Aware
 - Somewhat aware
 - Not aware (Skip to Q29)
-

Q28 Please select the types of cumulation you are aware of:

- cumulation with the UK - allows the use of materials from the UK
- cumulation with the EU, Norway and Switzerland - allows the use of materials from the EU and some materials from Norway and Switzerland
- intra-regional cumulation - allows the use of materials from a country within the same regional group
- inter-regional cumulation - allows the use of materials from a country in a different regional group (upon application)
- extended cumulation - allows the use of materials from a country with which the UK has a trade arrangement (upon application)

Q29 Do you think the government should expand the cumulation possibilities for Least Developed Countries?

- Yes
- No (Please go to Q31)
- Don't know (Go to Section 4)

Q30 Please explain your answer. Where possible, please specify the countries and/or materials which you would like to see included within the GSP cumulation rules.

Q31 If you answered 'No' to Q27. Please explain your answer, if you have concerns with allowing LDCs to use imported ("non-originating") materials in tariff free exports to the UK please specify your concerns in relation to specific goods where possible.

Section 4: Rules of origin - product specific rules

Product specific rules detail the criteria for sufficient processing or transformation where the good is made up of 'non-originating' materials or they define which goods can be considered eligible for GSP tariff rates if made exclusively from 'originating' materials.

Refer to the Information Pack document for more information on product specific rules.

Q32 Do you think the government should make the product specific rules more liberal for Least Developed Countries (LDCs)?

- Yes
- No
- Don't Know

Q33 Please explain your answer and provide any further comments on this proposal, referring to specific goods and suggestions for making the product specific rules more liberal where relevant.

Q34 Would you like to comment on the rules of origin for specific goods?

- Yes
- No (Please go to Section 5)

Q35 Please add the commodity code of at least one good that you wish to comment on. You may comment on groups of goods classified at the Chapter level (HS2), heading level (HS4) or subheading level (HS6).

The landing page has a downloadable spreadsheet (GSP consultation - commodity codes tables – accessible) which shows the full list of commodity codes relevant for this question.

- Commodity code 1 _____
- Commodity code 2 _____
- Commodity code 3 _____
- Commodity code 4 _____
- Commodity code 5 _____
- Commodity code 6 _____
- Commodity code 7 _____
- Commodity code 8 _____
- Commodity code 9 _____
- Commodity code 10 _____

If you import or export goods from an LDC please answer the question 34 below in columns a) to f).

If you do not import or export goods from an LDC but would like to give feedback on product specific rules of origin please insert the description of the good(s) and use column f) for any other comments.

For each commodity code:

a) Please select the LDC from which the good originates.

The country of origin should be one of the following:

- Afghanistan
- Angola
- Bangladesh
- Benin
- Bhutan
- Burkina Faso
- Burundi
- Cambodia
- Central African Republic
- Chad
- Comoros
- Congo, Democratic Republic of
- Djibouti
- Eritrea
- Ethiopia
- Gambia
- Guinea
- Guinea-Bissau
- Haiti
- Kiribati
- Laos
- Liberia
- Madagascar
- Malawi
- Mali
- Mauritania
- Mozambique
- Myanmar
- Nepal
- Rwanda
- Niger
- Sao Tomes and Principe
- Senegal

- Sierra Leone
- Solomon Islands
- Somalia
- South Sudan
- Sudan
- Tanzania
- Timor-Leste
- Togo
- Tuvalu
- Uganda
- Vanuatu
- Yemen
- Zambia

b) Please select whether the good is imported directly into the UK or whether it enters the UK via a transit country.

Please select from the following:

- Imported directly from GSP Country
- Imported from a transit country
- I'm not sure

c) Please state whether the GSP tariff rate is claimed when the good is imported.

- Yes
- No
- Don't Know

d) If the GSP rate is not claimed, please explain why and where relevant, please explain the aspect of the rules of origin requirements that prevents the good from being considered as GSP originating.

e) If known, please give an estimated breakdown of the total value of the good split between originating materials and value added in production, and non-originating materials (This question is relevant for goods that are subject to a value-added rule and should be given as a percentage of the total ex-work price - the value of the good as it leaves production. This information will be treated confidentially).

f) Please provide any additional information or comments.

Q36 Please fill out the table below according to the instructions above.

Commodity Code	a) Country of origin	b) Route to the UK	c) Is the GSP tariff claimed?	d) Reason for not claiming GSP tariff	e) Content breakdown	f) Please provide any other comments

Section 5: GSP conditions

The UK GSP has a set of conditions which apply to all GSP frameworks.

These conditions provide for circumstances where GSP access can be varied or suspended.

These are that a GSP country:

(a) has engaged or is engaging in serious and systematic violations of the human rights and labour rights contained in conventions specified in Part 1 of Schedule 2 [of the Trade Preferences Scheme (EU Exit) Regulations 2020];

(b) is engaging in unfair trading practices, after a determination by a competent WTO body that those practices are prohibited or actionable under the WTO Agreement;

(c) is engaging in export of goods made by prison labour;

(d) has serious shortcomings in its customs controls on the export or transit of the substances controlled under:

(i) the UN Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs (1961) as amended by the 1972

Protocol;

(ii) the UN Convention on Psychotropic Substances (1971); or

(iii) the UN Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (1988);

(e) has engaged or is engaging in serious and systematic violations of the principles of international conventions on anti-terrorism and money laundering to which the United Kingdom is a party;

(f) is seriously and systematically infringing the requirements imposed by regional fishery management organisations or international arrangements to which the United Kingdom is a party, concerning the conservation and management of fishery resources, or;

(g) is seriously and systematically failing to comply with the conditions specified in a customs cooperation notice.

Q37 Would you like to respond to questions on the conditions to suspend or vary preferences under the UK GSP?

Yes

No (Please go to evidence upload)

The conditions that provide for circumstances where GSP access can be varied or suspended are that a GSP country -

(a) has engaged or is engaging in serious and systematic violations of the human rights and labour rights contained in conventions specified in Part 1

of Schedule 2 [of the Trade Preferences Scheme (EU Exit) Regulations 2020];

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or;

(g) is seriously and systematically failing to comply with the conditions specified in a customs cooperation notice.

Q38 Do you think the conditions listed above have an impact on exports from GSP countries?

Yes

No

Don't know

Q39 Please provide rationale for your selection.

Q40 Do you think the conditions listed above have an impact on your business? Please only answer this question if you are responding in an official capacity with the views of an individual business

Yes

No

Don't know

Q41 Please provide rationale for your selection.

Q42 Do you think the conditions listed above have an impact on business?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Q43 Please provide rationale for your selection.

Q44 Do you think the conditions listed above have an impact on compliance with human and labour rights, good governance and sustainability obligations in GSP countries?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Q45 Please provide rationale for your selection.

Enhanced framework

The Enhanced Framework provides more generous trade preferences than the General Framework.

It gives trade preferences to economically vulnerable countries which have ratified and are effectively implementing 27 international conventions.

The aim is to encourage compliance with human and labour rights, good governance and sustainability.

The Enhanced Framework asks countries to ratify, accede to or otherwise consent to be bound by 27 international conventions and their reporting requirements.

Q46 Do you think the government should simplify the requirements for countries to access the Enhanced Framework?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Q47 Please provide rationale for your selection.

Q48 Please provide any further comments on the Enhanced Framework of UK GSP.

Q49 Please provide any further comments on the UK GSP.

Evidence (optional)

If you would like to provide any supplementary information in addition to your response, please send attached.

Thank you very much for taking the time to complete this survey.
Please send your response to GSPconsultation@fcdo.gov.uk