

Sunshine Act, Public Law 94-409, that the Commission will host the SEC Government-Business Forum on Small Business Capital Formation on Thursday, November 17, 2016, beginning at 9:00 a.m., in the Auditorium, Room L-002.

The forum will include remarks by SEC Commissioners and a panel discussion that Commissioners may attend. The panel discussion will explore how capital formation options are working for small businesses after the implementation of the JOBS Act. This Sunshine Act notice is being issued because a majority of the Commission may attend the meeting.

For further information, please contact Brent J. Fields from the Office of the Secretary at (202) 551-5400.

Dated: November 10, 2016.

**Brent J. Fields,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Delegation of Authority No: 408]

### Delegation to the Assistant Secretary for Political-Military Affairs of Authority To Concur With the Secretary of Defense on Certain Actions

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of State, including sections 1233 and 1513 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Pub. L. 110-181) (FY 2008 NDAA); 10 U.S.C. 127d; section 1226 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016 (Pub. L. 114-92) (FY 2016 NDAA); and section 1 of the State Department Basic Authorities Act (22 U.S.C. 2651a), and delegated pursuant to Delegation of Authority 245-1, dated February 13, 2009, I hereby delegate to the Assistant Secretary for Political-Military Affairs, to the extent authorized by law, the authority to concur with the Secretary of Defense on the use of the Afghanistan Security Forces Fund pursuant to section 1513 of the FY 2008 NDAA; the use of the Global Lift and Sustain authority pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 127d; and the use of the Coalition Support Fund authority pursuant to section 1233 of the FY 2008 NDAA and section 1226 of the FY 2016 NDAA.

Notwithstanding this delegation of authority, any function or authority delegated by this Delegation may be exercised by the Secretary, the Deputy Secretary, the Deputy Secretary for Management and Resources, or the Under Secretary for Arms Control and

International Security. Any reference in this delegation of authority to any statute or delegation of authority shall be deemed to be a reference to such statute or delegation of authority as amended from time to time.

This delegation of authority shall be published in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: October 19, 2016.

**Heather Higginbottom,**

*Deputy Secretary of State for Management and Resources.*

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## OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

### Generalized System of Preferences: Import Statistics Relating to Competitive Need Limitations

**AGENCY:** Office of the United States Trade Representative.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice is to inform the public of the availability of import statistics for the first nine months of 2016 relating to competitive need limitations (CNLs) under the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) program. These import statistics identify some articles for which the 2016 trade levels may exceed statutory CNLs. Interested parties may find this information useful in deciding whether to submit a petition to waive the CNLs for individual beneficiary developing countries (BDCs) with respect to specific GSP-eligible articles.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Naomi Freeman at (202) 395-2974 or [gsp@ustr.eop.gov](mailto:gsp@ustr.eop.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:

#### I. Competitive Need Limitations

The GSP program provides for the duty-free importation of designated articles when imported from designated BDCs. The GSP program is authorized by Title V of the Trade Act of 1974 as amended, 19 U.S.C. 2461, *et seq.*, (1974 Act), and is implemented in accordance with Executive Order 11888 of November 24, 1975, as modified by subsequent Executive Orders and Presidential Proclamations.

Section 503(c)(2)(A) of the 1974 Act sets out the two different measures for CNLs. When the President determines that a BDC has exported to the United States during a calendar year either (1) a quantity of a GSP-eligible article having a value in excess of the applicable amount for that year (\$175 million for 2016), or (2) a quantity of a

GSP-eligible article having a value equal to or greater than 50 percent of the value of total U.S. imports of the article from all countries (50 percent CNL), the President must terminate GSP duty-free treatment for that article from that BDC by no later than July 1 of the next calendar year, unless the President grants a waiver before the exclusion goes into effect. CNLs do not apply to least-developed countries or beneficiaries of the African Growth and Opportunity Act.

Any interested party may submit a petition seeking a waiver of the 2016 CNL for individual beneficiary developing countries with respect to specific GSP-eligible articles. In addition, under section 503(c)(2)(F) of the 1974 Act, the President may waive the 50 percent CNL with respect to an eligible article imported from a BDC, if the value of total imports of that article from all countries during the calendar year did not exceed the applicable *de minimis* amount for that year (\$23 million for 2016).

#### II. Implementation of Competitive Need Limitations

Exclusions from GSP duty-free treatment where CNLs have been exceeded will be effective July 1, 2017, unless the President grants a waiver before the exclusion goes into effect. Exclusions for exceeding a CNL will be based on full 2016 calendar-year import statistics.

#### III. Interim 2016 Import Statistics

In order to provide advance notice of articles that may exceed the CNLs for 2016, the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative has compiled interim import statistics for the first nine months of 2016 relating to CNLs. This information can be viewed at: <https://ustr.gov/issue-areas/preference-programs/generalized-system-preferences-gsp/current-reviews/gsp-20162017>.

Full calendar-year 2016 data for individual tariff subheadings will be available in February 2017 on the Web site of the U.S. International Trade Commission at <http://dataweb.usitc.gov>.

The interim 2016 import statistics are organized to show, for each article, the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) subheading and BDC of origin, the value of imports of the article from the specified country for the first nine months of 2016, and the corresponding share of total imports of that article from all countries. The list includes the GSP-eligible articles from BDCs that, based on interim nine-month 2016 data, exceed \$110 million dollars, or an amount greater than 42 percent of