

8. Products covered by the Norwegian GSP-system (scope of products)

8.1. General remarks

The product coverage and the preferential offer for products originating in a GSP-country are explained and laid down both in this Chapter and annex 4 (lists 1-5 and 7).

The “least developed” GSP-countries (LDCs) and “low income countries” are granted a better preferential treatment than the “ordinary” GSP-countries. The LDCs are the poorest countries in the world. The sharing between the LDCs, the low income countries” and the “ordinary” GSP-countries together with the corresponding scope of products and GSP preferential rates of duty are set out in single list of products in part III of this web-publication.

The “least developed” GSP-countries (LDCs) are in the list of GSP-countries written in capital letters. All GSP goods with origin in a “least developed” GSP-country are free of duty.

The “ordinary” GSP-countries are in the list of GSP-countries written with ordinary small letters.

In order to obtain GSP preferential tariff treatment upon import to Norway, it is a requirement that the Norwegian GSP-system has entered into force for the country concerned. Where the names of the countries are written in bold letters in the list of GSP-countries, it means that the GSP system have entered into force.

8.2. Agricultural products – HS Chapters 1 to 24 and HS Headings ex.29.05, ex. 35.02 and ex. 38.23:

(a) “Least developed” GSP-countries (LDCs) and “ low income countries”
All GSP-products originating in a “least developed” GSP-country or “low income country” are free of duty.

Special conditions are applicable for a few products originating in Botswana, Namibia and Swaziland (for detail see annex 4 appendix 1)

(b) “Ordinary” GSP-countries

- GSP-products originating in an “ordinary” GSP-country and covered by list 1 are free of duty
- GSP-products originating in an “ordinary” GSP-country and covered by list 2 are entitled to preferential tariff treatment (100% reduction of the industrial element, but are subject to the arrangement of price compensation of the agricultural components for the products concerned)
- GSP-products originating in an “ordinary” GSP-country and covered by list 3 are entitled to 15% reduction of the normally applied (ordinary) customs duty for the product concerned
- GSP-products originating in an “ordinary” GSP-country and covered by

list 4 are entitled to 10% reduction of the normally applied (ordinary) customs duty for the product concerned

- GSP-products originating in an “ordinary” GSP-country and covered by list 4 b are entitled to 30% reduction of the normally applied (ordinary) customs duty for the product concerned. This applies for products within the WTOs access quota managed by the Norwegian Agriculture Authority. For those who doesn't possess such quota(s) from the Norwegian agricultural authorities, and who import goods from a GSPcountry, the reduction of the normally applied (ordinary) customs duty is 10%.
- GSP-products originating in an “ordinary” GSP-country and covered by list 5 are entitled to 50% reduction of the normally applied (ordinary) customs duty for the product concerned

Agricultural products originating in an “ordinary” GSP-country and which are not covered by lists 1 to 5 respectively, are not entitled to GSP preferential tariff treatment upon import to Norway.

8.3. Industrial products – HS Chapters 25 to 97 (except HS Headings ex 29.05, ex 35.02 and ex 38.23 mentioned above)

(a) “Least developed” GSP-countries (LDCs) and “low income countries”
All GSP-industrial products of HS Chapters 25 to 97 originating in a “least developed” GSPcountry or a “low income country” are dutyfree.

Special conditions are applicable for some products originating in Botswana, Namibia and Swaziland (for details see annex 4 appendix 1).

(b) “Ordinary” GSP-countries
All industrial products classified in HS Chapters 25 to 97 originating in an “ordinary” GSPcountry are dutyfree, except for products of HS Headings ex. 29.05, ex. 35.02 and ex. 38.23 mentioned above (which are covered by list 1 and list 4, respectively), in addition to the excluded products covered by list 7.