

## **Graduation from the Generalised System of Preference Scheme of the European Union (EU - GSP Scheme)**

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To: All Manufacturers Registered with the Regulatory Unit (RU) of TDB

### Graduation from the EU GSP Scheme

In the EC Council Regulation No. 2623/97 dated 19 Dec 97, the EU has informed that they will graduate Singapore, Hong Kong and South Korea from its GSP Scheme with effect from **1 May 98**. The EU comprises Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Sweden and United Kingdom.

When the graduation takes effect, Singapore will not enjoy GSP benefits for **all products** of Singapore origin entering the EU on or after **1 May 98**.

### ASEAN Cumulation

However, we wish to inform you that Singapore's status within the regional cumulation mechanism applicable to ASEAN will not be affected after the graduation i.e. products manufactured in Singapore can be used as inputs in the products of another ASEAN beneficiary country. This will enable the manufacturer in the ASEAN beneficiary country to qualify his products for the EU GSP Scheme under **ASEAN Cumulation**. In such cases, RU will continue to issue GSP Form As for products that are **exported to the ASEAN beneficiary country** provided the products have qualified for GSP status in their own right in Singapore.

### Back-to-back GSP Form As

You can continue to submit your application to TDB for the back-to-back GSP Form As for the re-export of ASEAN-origin products from Singapore to the EU. For those products, your application must be supported with an **original GSP Form A** from the issuing ASEAN originating country. Exporters are advised to confirm with their EU buyers that the ASEAN products are eligible for GSP treatment in the EU under this arrangement before applying to the TDB for a GSP Form A.

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