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TARIFFS AND TRADE**

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Addendum

For the information of contracting parties, the delegation of Finland has provided the following comprehensive information on its GSP scheme as of January 1983.

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## **Foreword**

The Finnish Scheme within the Generalized System of Preferences was introduced on 1 January 1972, in compliance with Finland's desire to implement Resolution 21 (II) adopted at UNCTAD II in 1968.

Excepting inclusion of new beneficiary countries and granting special concessions to least developed developing countries, the Scheme has been subject to few modifications. Partly this is due to its being based on simple principles such as total exemption from import duties and import levies as well as non-appliance of any import quotas or other quantitative import restrictions.

### **I. General principles of the Finnish Scheme**

#### **Total exemption from import duties and import levies; no import quotas, ceilings or other quantitative restrictions**

For the exporter of a beneficiary country, the Finnish Scheme is simple and transparent; the goods eligible for the GSP-treatment enjoy total exemption from import duties and import levies which is not limited by any tariff quotas, or similar restrictions.

#### **Rules of origin**

The Scheme includes rules of origin with which the goods must comply in order to qualify for the GSP-treatment. To satisfy the rules of origin, the goods have to be either wholly obtained in the beneficiary country or have undergone sufficient working or processing in that country. Special rules may be applied to countries forming a regional economic grouping. In addition, it is required in general that the goods be transported direct to Finland from the beneficiary country. However, transiting goods through other countries for geographical or transport reasons is allowed. Also goods which have been addressed from the beneficiary country to an EEC or EFTA country and which are readdressed to Finland therefrom, satisfy this rule.

#### **Documentary evidence of origin**

In support of the claim for GSP-treatment, documentary evidence of origin must be produced. Exceptions are made for small packages and travellers' personal luggage.

#### **Safeguard clause**

Provision has been made for a safeguard clause under which GSP-treatment may be suspended for a certain period of time, subject to certain conditions. However, during the ten years of operation of the Scheme, the clause has not been applied.

#### **Notification of authorities empowered to issue certificates of origin**

The Scheme applies to goods which are entered for Customs clearance after the beneficiary country concerned has notified the Finnish Board of Customs of the names of the authorities empowered to issue certificates of origin and sent specimen impressions of the stamps used by such authorities. Specimens of signatures of individual persons are not necessary.

The notifications should be sent to the following address:

Board of Customs  
International Section  
Box 512  
SF - 00101 Helsinki 10  
FINLAND

## II. Beneficiary countries<sup>1</sup>

The Finnish GSP-scheme includes as of April 1982 the following 129 beneficiary countries. Of these only 72 countries have given notification (date against the name of the country) of their authorities empowered to issue GSP-certificates which is the condition for affording the GSP-treatment to the products of the beneficiary country. The least developed developing countries are marked with asterisk (\*).

7. 3.1972	<b>Afghanistan*</b>	14. 3.1978	<b>Haiti*</b>	10.12.1973	<b>Romania</b>
3. 5.1973	<b>Algeria</b>	11. 3.1977	<b>Honduras</b>	11. 3.1981	<b>Rwanda*</b>
	Angola	5. 5.1972	<b>India</b>		Salomon
7. 2.1972	<b>Argentina</b>	3. 3.1972	<b>Indonesia</b>		Sao Tome and
	Bahamas	26. 7.1972	<b>Iran</b>		Principe
	Bahrain	18. 9.1979	<b>Iraq</b>		Saudi Arabia
10. 2.1975	<b>Bangladesh*</b>	22.10.1975	<b>Israel</b>	26. 7.1979	<b>Senegal</b>
3. 6.1980	<b>Barbados</b>	28. 6.1972	<b>Ivory Coast</b>		Seychelles
	Benin*		Jamaica		Sierra Leone
	Bhutan*		Jordan	28. 3.1972	<b>Singapore</b>
	Bolivia	6. 7.1972	<b>Kenya</b>		Somalia*
	Botswana*		Kiribati	5. 4.1972	<b>Sri Lanka</b>
4. 2.1972	<b>Brazil</b>	8. 5.1975	<b>Korea (People's</b>		St. Lucia
4. 7.1973	<b>Bulgaria</b>		Republic of)		St. Vincent and
16.10.1972	<b>Burma</b>	14. 2.1974	<b>Korea (Republic of)</b>		Grenadines
31. 8.1981	<b>Burundi*</b>		Kuwait	27.12.1978	<b>Sudan*</b>
	Cameroon		Laos*		Surinam
	Cape Verde*	2.10.1971	<b>Lebanon</b>		Swaziland
	Central African	20.10.1978	<b>Lesotho*</b>	28. 8.1972	<b>Syria</b>
	Republic*		Liberia	6. 6.1972	<b>Tanzania*</b>
	Chad*		Libya	10.10.1972	<b>Thailand</b>
16. 5.1972	<b>Chile</b>		Madagascar		Togo
1. 1.1980	<b>China (People's</b>	12. 5.1972	<b>Malawi*</b>		Tonga
	Republic of)	28. 6.1972	<b>Malaysia</b>	8. 5.1972	<b>Trinidad and Tobago</b>
13. 4.1972	<b>Colombia</b>	23.10.1979	<b>Maldives*</b>	26. 6.1972	<b>Tunisia</b>
	Comoros*		Mali*	17.12.1976	<b>Turkey</b>
	Congo	30. 4.1976	<b>Malta</b>		Tuvalu
4. 2.1977	<b>Costa Rica</b>		Mauritania		Uganda*
2. 8.1972	<b>Cuba</b>		Mauritius		United Arab Emirates
20. 5.1972	<b>Cyprus</b>	19. 6.1972	<b>Mexico</b>		Upper Volta*
	Djibouti		Mongolia	7.11.1972	<b>Uruguay</b>
	Dominica	13. 7.1972	<b>Morocco</b>	28.12.1972	<b>Venezuela</b>
22. 6.1972	<b>Dominican Republic</b>	1. 6.1977	<b>Mozambique</b>		Western Samoa*
5. 7.1972	<b>Ecuador</b>		Nauru	23. 8.1981	<b>Viet-Nam</b>
16. 6.1972	<b>Egypt</b>	30. 5.1974	<b>Nepal*</b>		Yemen Arab
20. 9.1972	<b>El Salvador</b>	23. 2.1975	<b>Nicaragua</b>		Republic*
	Equatorial Guinea		Niger*		Yemen, People's
4. 5.1981	<b>Ethiopia*</b>	4. 9.1974	<b>Nigeria</b>		Democratic
	Fiji		Oman		Republic of*
14. 1.1974	<b>Gabon</b>	18. 5.1972	<b>Pakistan</b>	3. 2.1972	<b>Yugoslavia</b>
8.10.1979	<b>Gambia*</b>	13.12.1977	<b>Panama</b>	18.12.1972	<b>Zaire</b>
10. 5.1972	<b>Ghana</b>		Papua New Guinea	23.11.1978	<b>Zambia</b>
	Grenada	5. 5.1973	<b>Paraguay</b>	2. 4.1981	<b>Zimbabwe</b>
3. 5.1972	<b>Guatemala</b>	26. 6.1972	<b>Peru</b>		
	Guinea*	8. 3.1972	<b>Philippines</b>		
	Guinea-Bissau *		Qatar		
12. 8.1975	<b>Guyana</b>				

<sup>1</sup>The following countries have been added as from 1 September 1982:

Antigua and Barbuda  
Belize  
Vanuatu

### III. Product coverage

The products which enjoy GSP-treatment in Finland include:

1. agricultural products (CCCN-chapters 1-24) contained in list 1;
2. all industrial products (CCCN-chapters 25-99) excepting those contained in list 2;
3. goods granted GSP-treatment only when originating in the least developed developing countries (list 3).

#### 1. Goods under CCCN Chapters 1-24 eligible for GSP-treatment in Finland

CCCN headingNo.	Product Description
ex 02.04	Frog legs
ex 03.02	Fish, dried, salted or in brine; smoked fish, whether or not cooked before or during the smoking process; except herrings (Clupeidae), salted or in brine, and salmon
ex 06.02	Orchid, strelitzia, anthurium, protea and aquarium plants, live
ex 06.03	Orchid, strelitzia and protea fresh, Customs cleared in the period 1.10.-31.5., and orchid, strelitzia and protea dried, Customs cleared in the period 1.11.-31.3.
ex 07.01	Garlic, fresh or chilled, sweet capsicum, Customs cleared in the period 1.11.-31.3.
ex 07.03	Olives and capers, provisionally preserved in brine, in sulphur water or in other preservative solutions, but not specially prepared for immediate consumption
ex 07.04	Garlic, dried, dehydrated or evaporated, whole, cut, sliced, broken or in powder, but not further prepared
ex 07.06	Jerusalem artichokes, fresh or dried, whole or sliced
ex 08.01	Dates, coconuts, Brazil nuts, cashew nuts, pineapples, avocados, mangoes, guavas and mangosteens, fresh or dried, shelled or not; bananas, fresh, Customs cleared in the period 1.1.-31.5.; bananas dried
ex 08.02	Lemons
08.03	Figs, fresh or dried
ex 08.04	Grapes, dried
08.05	Nuts other than those falling within heading No. 08.01, fresh or dried, shelled or not
ex 08.06	Quinces, fresh
ex 08.07	Apricots, peaches and tropical stone fruit, fresh
ex 08.08	Tropical berries, fresh
ex 08.09	Melons, tropical fruit, fresh
ex 08.10	Tropical fruit (whether or not cooked), preserved by freezing, not containing added sugar
ex 08.11	Tropical fruit, provisionally preserved (for example, by sulphur dioxide gas, in brine, in sulphur water or in other preservative solutions), but unsuitable in that state for immediate consumption
ex 08.12	Apricots, peaches, plums and tropical fruit, dried
08.13	Peel of melons and citrus fruit, fresh, frozen dried, or provisionally preserved in brine, in sulphur water or in other preservative solutions
09.09	Seeds of anise, badian, fennel, coriander, cumin, caraway and juniper
ex 11.04	Flours of the fruits falling within any heading in Chapter 8
ex 12.01	Castor oil seeds, hemp seeds, linseeds, oiticica seeds, sesamum seeds and beech nuts, not for feeding purposes

- 12.08 Chicory roots, fresh or dried, whole or cut, unroasted locust beans, fresh or dried, whether or not kibbled or ground, but not further prepared; fruit kernels and other vegetable products of a kind used primarily for human food, not falling within any other heading
- ex 15.06 Neat's-foot oil for technical purposes
- 16.04 Prepared or preserved fish, including caviar and caviar substitutes
- 16.05 Crustaceans and molluscs, prepared or preserved
- ex 17.02 Date syrup
- 18.01 Cocoa beans, whole or broken, raw or roasted
- 18.03 Cocoa paste (in bulk or in block), whether or not defatted
- 18.04 Cocoa butter (fat or oil)
- 18.05 Cocoa powder, unsweetened
- ex 19.07 Communion wafers, empty cachets of a kind suitable for pharmaceutical use. sealing wafers, rice paper and similar products
- ex 20.01 Mango-chutney, asparagus, olives and capers, prepared or preserved by vinegar or acetic acid, with or without sugar, whether or not containing salt, spices or mustard
- ex 20.02 Asparagus, olives, tomato pulp and paste in airtight containers with a dry weight content of not less than 25 per cent tomato; prepared or preserved otherwise than by vinegar or acetic acid
- ex 20.04 Tropical fruit and parts thereof, preserved by sugar (drained, glacé or crystallised)
- ex 20.06 Tropical fruits and tropical fruit mixtures: Brazil nuts and cashew nuts, other than roasted
- ex 20.07 Tropical fruit juices
- ex 21.02 Roasted chicory and other roasted coffee substitutes and extracts, essences and concentrates thereof
- 21.03 Mustard flour and prepared mustard
- 21.04 Sauces; mixed condiments and mixed seasonings
- ex 21.05 Soups and broths, in liquid, solid or powder form; homogenised composite food preparations, not containing meat or meat offal
- ex 21.06 Inactive yeasts, prepared baking powders
- 22.01 Waters, including spa waters and aerated waters; ice and snow
- 22.02 Lemonade, flavoured spa waters and flavoured aerated waters, and other non-alcoholic beverages, not including fruit and vegetable juices falling within heading No. 20.07
- 22.10 Vinegar and substitutes for vinegar
- 23.05 Wine lees; argol
- 24.01 Unmanufactured tobacco; tobacco refuse

By "Tropical fruit" in the CCCN positions 08.07-08.12, 20.04, 20.06 and 20.07 is meant pineapple, angelica, avocado, banana, cashew apple, pomegranate, guava, ginger, jackfruit (artocarpus itegrifolia), anona (cherimoya), kiwi, passion fruit, lychee, mango, mangosteen, papaya, persimona, tamarind and fig. Mixtures containing other fruit added are excluded from preferential treatment.

**2. Goods under CCCN Chapters 25-99 not eligible for GSP-treatment in Finland**

25.23		ex 58.05	Made of other material than jute
ex 27.10	Motor spirit		
28.25		ex 58.08	Fishing nets, in the length
35.01			
35.05			
38.12		ex 59.02	Fabrics as defined in Legal Note 1.B to CCCN chapter 59, in the piece
39.06			
ex 39.07	Other than corset busks and similar supports for clothing accessories and other than fans and parts thereof	ex 59.05	Fishing nets and netting made of twine, cordage or rope, and made up fishing nets of yarn
40.11			
ex 41.02	} With the exception of parchment-dressed leather	60.01	
ex 41.03		60.02	
		60.03	
ex 41.04		60.04	
		60.05	
41.08		61.01	
42.02		61.02	
42.03		61.03	
ex 51.04	} Other than those containing more than 10 % of silk by weight	61.04	
ex 53.11		61.05	
ex 54.05		61.09	
ex 55.05		62.01	
		62.02	
ex 55.06		ex 62.05	Other than fans and parts thereof
ex 55.08		64.01	
		64.02	
ex 55.09	Other woven fabrics of cotton, other than unbleached and non-mercerized, excluding cord fabric and tarpaulin and other than those containing more than 10 % of silk by weight	69.07	
		69.08	
		69.11	
		69.12	
		73.31	
		ex 82.09	With the exception of knife blades
		82.14	
		85.01	
		85.02	
		85.03	
		85.04	
ex 56.07	Other than those containing more than 10 % of silk by weight	85.09	
		85.15	
		85.19	
		85.23	
ex 57.10	Made of material other than jute	ex 87.02	Passenger cars
		87.09	
		90.26	
ex 58.02	Made of material other than coir	97.02	
		97.03	
		97.05	

**3. Goods originating in the least developed developing countries,  
eligible for GSP-treatment in Finland**

CCCN heading No.	Product Description
ex 07.05	Other leguminous vegetables than peas and beans of a kind suitable for human consumption
ex 08.04	Grapes, fresh
ex 09.01	Coffee, unroasted
ex 20.06	Prepared or preserved fruit mixtures and Brazil nuts and cashew nuts, roasted
ex 21.02	Coffee extracts
61.05	
97.02	
ex 97.05	Carnival and entertainment articles

The countries concerned are identified in the list of beneficiary countries.