

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES

Notification by Austria

Addendum

In a communication dated 4 May 1983, the Permanent Mission of Austria has notified the following changes in the Austrian GSP scheme for the information of contracting parties.

1. With effect from 1 January 1983, Austria has included Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Sao Tomé and Príncipe, Sierra Leone and Togo in the list of least developed countries which benefit from more favourable preferential treatment under Part II of Annex C of the Austrian Customs Preference Act. Thus, Austria has taken action in implementing the corresponding Resolution of the UN-General Assembly adopted December 17, 1982.
2. With effect from the same date, Austria implemented the fourth stage of duty reductions under the Geneva Protocol (1979) to the GATT (Multilateral Trade Negotiations). The formula for calculating the tariff cut under the Austrian GSP scheme will also be applied to the most-favoured-nation rates thus reduced. As a consequence, preferential duty rates will be reduced accordingly. This improvement of the Austrian GSP scheme results in reduced tariff rates for around 1900 tariff lines. Due to the high number of tariff lines concerned, no individual description of the tariff situation can be given.

3. The new version of the Notes on the Declaration of Origin Form APR as applied by the EEC from 1 January 1983 is accepted by Austria as from 1 April 1983. No time limit has been fixed for the recognition of forms bearing the old version of the Notes.
4. Due to a technical error, the notification of the Austrian Customs Preference Act 1982 contains the information that in the case of imports of goods falling into Chapters 52 to 62 and 64 of the Customs tariff, originating in Hong Kong, the preferential tariff rates shall not apply (footnote to Annex C). According to the legal situation, this exception applies to imports of goods falling into Chapters 50 to 62 and 64 of the Customs tariff. It is requested to take note of this correction.