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**To Clients and Friends:**

**GSP Annual Review Product & Country Practice Petitions**

The Office of the United States Trade Representative received petitions in connection with the 2008 GSP Annual Review to modify the list of products that are eligible for duty-free treatment under the GSP program and to modify the GSP status of certain GSP beneficiary developing countries because of country practices.

The current notice<sup>1</sup> announces the product petitions, other than those requesting competitive need limitation (CNL) waivers, and country practice petitions accepted in previous GSP annual reviews that continue to be under review in the 2008 GSP Annual Review. It also sets forth the schedule for comment and public hearings on these petitions, for requesting participation in the hearings, and for submitting pre-hearing and post-hearing briefs. The list of accepted petitions is available [Here](#).

A hearing will be held by the GSP Subcommittee of the Trade Policy Staff Committee on October 20, 2008, for product petitions accepted for the 2008 GSP Annual Review. All interested parties wishing to make an oral presentation at the hearing must submit a request together with certain required information by 5 p.m., October 3. Post-hearing briefs or statements that conform to the regulations will be accepted if submitted by November 3, 2008.

Parties not wishing to appear at the public hearing may submit pre-hearing briefs or statements by October 3, 2008 and post-hearing written briefs or statements by November 3, 2008.

If you have any questions or would like additional information or assistance with submitted comments, please do not hesitate to call us.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/pdf/E8-21341.pdf>