ADDITION OF BURMA AS BENEFICIARY DEVELOPING COUNTRY UNDER THE GSP PROGRAM

MESSAGE

FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

TRANSMITTING

THE PRESIDENT'S INTENT TO END THE SUSPENSION OF PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT FOR BURMA AS A BENEFICIARY DEVELOPING COUNTRY UNDER THE GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES (GSP) PROGRAM, AND TO ADD BURMA TO THE LIST OF GSP BENEFICIARY COUNTRIES IN THE HARMONIZED TARIFF SCHEDULE (HTS) OF THE UNITED STATES AND TO THE LIST OF GSP LEAST-DEVELOPED BENEFICIARY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN THE HTS, PURSUANT TO 19 U.S.C. 2462(f)(1); PUBLIC LAW 93–618, SEC. 502 (AS ADDED BY PUBLIC LAW 104–188, SEC. 52(a); (110 STAT. 1920))

SEPTEMBER 14, 2016.—Message and accompanying papers referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered to be printed
To the Congress of the United States:

I am writing to inform you of my intent to end the suspension of preferential treatment for Burma as a beneficiary developing country under the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) program, and to designate Burma as a least-developed beneficiary developing country for purposes of the GSP program. I have carefully considered the criteria set forth in sections 501 and 502(c) of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (19 U.S.C. 2461, 2462(c)). After considering the criteria set forth in section 502(c), I have determined that it is appropriate to add Burma to the list of GSP beneficiary developing countries in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) of the United States. After considering the criteria set forth in sections 501 and 502(c), I have determined that it is appropriate to add Burma to the list of GSP least-developed beneficiary developing countries in the HTS.

I submit this notice in accordance with section 502(f)(1) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2462(f)(1)).

THE WHITE HOUSE, September 14, 2016.

BARACK OBAMA.