

## GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES - JAPAN

## Guide

<b>A - BASIC INFORMATION:</b>
1) Member implementing the PTA: <b>Japan</b>
2) Date PTA entered into force: - <b>Date: 1 August 1971</b>  - <b>Link: <a href="http://www.mofa.go.jp/policy/economy/gsp/index.html">http://www.mofa.go.jp/policy/economy/gsp/index.html</a></b>
3) Date of last renewal of the PTA (where applicable): - <b>Date: 1 April 2011</b>  - <b>Link: <a href="http://www.mofa.go.jp/policy/economy/gsp/index.html">http://www.mofa.go.jp/policy/economy/gsp/index.html</a></b>
4) Date of notification to the GATT/WTO and symbol of GATT/WTO documents: - <b>Date: 20 August 1971</b> - <b>GATT document <a href="#">L/3559</a></b>  (See also documents <a href="#">WT/COMTD/29-WT/LDC/SWG/IF/12</a> , <a href="#">WT/COMTD/N/2</a> and <a href="#">WT/COMTD/N/2/Add.1</a> , <a href="#">WT/COMTD/N/2/Add.2</a> , <a href="#">WT/COMTD/N/2/Add.3</a> , <a href="#">WT/COMTD/N/2/Add.4</a> , <a href="#">WT/COMTD/N/2/Add.5</a> , <a href="#">WT/COMTD/N/2/Add.6</a> , <a href="#">WT/COMTD/N/2/Add.7</a> , <a href="#">WT/COMTD/N/2/Add.8</a> , <a href="#">WT/COMTD/N/2/Add.9</a> , <a href="#">WT/COMTD/N/2/Add.10</a> , <a href="#">WT/COMTD/N/2/Add.11</a> , <a href="#">WT/COMTD/N/2/Add.12</a> , <a href="#">WT/COMTD/N/2/Add.13</a> , <a href="#">WT/COMTD/N/2/Add.14</a> and <a href="#">WT/COMTD/N/2/Add.15</a> , which can be accessed from the WTO's Database on Preferential Trade Arrangements, from <a href="#">here</a> .)
5) Date of expiration of PTA: - <b>Date: 31 March 2021</b>  - <b>Link: <a href="http://www.mofa.go.jp/policy/economy/gsp/index.html">http://www.mofa.go.jp/policy/economy/gsp/index.html</a></b>
6) Enactment of PTA, Related Legislation and Publication of PTA modifications: - <b>Temporary Tariff Measures Law, Articles 8-2 and 8-3</b>  - <b>Cabinet Order for Enforcement of the Temporary Tariff Measures Law, Chapter 5</b> - <b>Link: <a href="http://www.mofa.go.jp/policy/economy/gsp/index.html">http://www.mofa.go.jp/policy/economy/gsp/index.html</a></b> (Please see 9. RELATED LEGISLATION)  - <b>Publication of PTA modifications</b> - <b>Link: <a href="http://www.mofa.go.jp/policy/economy/gsp/index.html">http://www.mofa.go.jp/policy/economy/gsp/index.html</a></b>
7) Authority(ies) granting the beneficial treatment:  <b>Ministry of Finance</b>  - <b>Link: <a href="http://www.customs.go.jp/english/index.htm">http://www.customs.go.jp/english/index.htm</a></b>
8) National authorities in charge of PTA management: <b>Ministry of Finance</b> - <b>Link: <a href="http://www.customs.go.jp/english/index.htm">http://www.customs.go.jp/english/index.htm</a></b>  <a href="http://www.mofa.go.jp/policy/economy/gsp/index.html">http://www.mofa.go.jp/policy/economy/gsp/index.html</a> (Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan)
<b>B – REFERENCES TO INFORMATION ABOUT:</b>
<b>I. BENEFICIARIES</b>
(a) Number and List of Beneficiaries:

<p>- <b>Number (as of April 2016 ):</b> 143 (of which 47 LDC beneficiaries)</p> <p>- <b>List:</b> <a href="http://www.mofa.go.jp/policy/economy/gsp/index.html">http://www.mofa.go.jp/policy/economy/gsp/index.html</a> (Please see 1. BENEFICIARIES)</p>
<p>(b) <i>Eligibility:</i>  <b>Eligibility for GSP preferential treatment: Temporary Tariff Measures Law, Article 8-2, paragraph 1</b>  (1) Economy of the country or the territory must be in the stage of development.  (2) The territory must have its own tariff and trade system.  (3) The country or the territory desires to receive preferential tariff treatment under the GSP scheme.  (4) The beneficiaries must be prescribed by a Cabinet Order as a country or a territory to which such preferences may appropriately be extended.</p> <p><b>Eligibility for LDC preferential treatment: Temporary Tariff Measures Law, Article 8-2, paragraph 3</b>  Only beneficiary countries determined as least developed countries (LDCs) in the General Assembly of the United Nations are eligible for Special preferential treatment for LDCs.</p> <p>- <b>Link:</b> <a href="http://www.mofa.go.jp/policy/economy/gsp/index.html">http://www.mofa.go.jp/policy/economy/gsp/index.html</a> (Please see 9. RELATED LEGISLATION)</p>
<p>(c) <i>Restrictions to Eligibility:</i>  - <b>Temporary Tariff Measures Law, Article 8-2 (paragraph 2) and Article 8-3</b></p> <p>- <b>Link:</b> <a href="http://www.mofa.go.jp/policy/economy/gsp/index.html">http://www.mofa.go.jp/policy/economy/gsp/index.html</a> (Please see 4. ESCAPE CLAUSE, 6. COMPETITIVENESS-FOCUSED, PRODUCT-BY-EXCLUSION and 9. RELATED LEGISLATION)</p>
<p>(d) <i>Modification to Beneficiaries List:</i>  <b>Criteria for Application of Competitiveness Focused, Product-by-Exclusion and Graduation of Advanced Economies</b></p> <p>- <b>Link:</b> <a href="http://www.mofa.go.jp/policy/economy/gsp/index.html">http://www.mofa.go.jp/policy/economy/gsp/index.html</a> (Please see 5. GRADUATION OF ADVANCED BENEFICIARIES and 6. COMPETITIVENESS-FOCUSED, PRODUCT-BY-EXCLUSION)</p>
<p><b>II. SCOPE OF PRODUCTS (IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NOTIFYING MEMBER'S CLASSIFICATION OF PRODUCTS)</b></p>
<p>(a) <i>Number (tariff lines) and list of eligible products: (as of April 2016)</i>  <b>List of GSP eligible products:</b>  <b>Number: 3,559</b></p> <p>- <b>Link:</b> <a href="http://www.mofa.go.jp/policy/economy/gsp/index.html">http://www.mofa.go.jp/policy/economy/gsp/index.html</a> (Please See 2. PRODUCT COVERAGE)</p> <p>(1) Agricultural and Fishery Products (HS chapters 1-24)  Japan grants GSP treatment for selected agricultural and fishery products in 408 items (9-digit base, hereinafter the same).  (2) Industrial Products (HS chapters 25-97)  Japan grants GSP treatment for selected industrial products in 3151 items.</p> <p><b>List of products for which duty-free quota-free market access is granted to LDCs:</b>  <b>Number: 9,068</b></p> <p>-<b>Link:</b> <a href="http://www.mofa.go.jp/policy/economy/gsp/index.html">http://www.mofa.go.jp/policy/economy/gsp/index.html</a> (Please see 7. SPECIAL PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT FOR THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES)</p>
<p>(b) <i>Ineligible products:</i>  <b>Products other than above (a)</b></p>

(c) *Modification to Eligible Products List:*

**GSP: Temporary Tariff Measures Law, Articles 8-2, paragraph 1**

**LDC : Temporary Tariff Measures Law, Articles 8-2, paragraph 3**

- Link: <http://www.mofa.go.jp/policy/economy/gsp/index.html>

(Please see 9. RELATED LEGISLATION)

For the modifications made, see documents [WT/COMTD/29-WT/LDC/SWG/IF/12](#), [WT/COMTD/N/2](#) and [WT/COMTD/N/2/Add.1](#), [WT/COMTD/N/2/Add.2](#), [WT/COMTD/N/2/Add.3](#), [WT/COMTD/N/2/Add.4](#), [WT/COMTD/N/2/Add.5](#), [WT/COMTD/N/2/Add.6](#), [WT/COMTD/N/2/Add.7](#), [WT/COMTD/N/2/Add.8](#), [WT/COMTD/N/2/Add.9](#), [WT/COMTD/N/2/Add.10](#), [WT/COMTD/N/2/Add.11](#), [WT/COMTD/N/2/Add.12](#), [WT/COMTD/N/2/Add.13](#), [WT/COMTD/N/2/Add.14](#) and [WT/COMTD/N/2/Add.15](#), which can be accessed from the WTO's Database on Preferential Trade Arrangements, from [here](#).

### III. PTA TREATMENT

(a) *Tariff Treatment:*

**Temporary Tariff Measures Law, Articles 8-2 and 8-3**

- Link: <http://www.mofa.go.jp/policy/economy/gsp/index.html>

(Please see 9. RELATED LEGISLATION)

(b) *Exceptions:*

**Temporary Tariff Measures Law, Articles 8-2, paragraph 2**

- Link: <http://www.mofa.go.jp/policy/economy/gsp/index.html>

(Please see 9. RELATED LEGISLATION)

(c) *Different Preferential Treatment:*

**Not applicable**

(d) *Request for Preferential Treatment:*

<http://www.mofa.go.jp/policy/economy/gsp/checklist.html>

### IV. RULES OF ORIGIN (INCLUDING REQUISITES AND RESTRICTIONS)

**Cabinet Order for Enforcement of the Temporary Tariff Measures Law, Articles 26-30**

- Link: <http://www.mofa.go.jp/policy/economy/gsp/index.html>

(Please see 9. RELATED LEGISLATION)

The table "LIST OF PROCESSED PRODUCTS FOR WHICH THE CONDITION TO BE QUALIFIED AS ORIGINATING PRODUCTS IS SPECIFIED" attached to the Cabinet Order

- Link: <http://www.mofa.go.jp/policy/economy/gsp/index.html> (Please see 8. RULES OF ORIGIN)

### V. PREFERENTIAL DATA

Data relating to Japan's GSP scheme can be accessed from the WTO's Database on Preferential Trade Arrangements, from [here](#).