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Dear Members,

This is about Generalized System of Preferences (GSP). Under this system, some developed countries promote exporters in developing/least developing countries by imposing preferential customs duty (less than the normal) for some specified products. GSP makes it easier for developing countries like India to export their products to such developed countries.

The GSP preferences (reduced import duties) are available under the REX (registered exporter) self-certification system for EU, Norway and Switzerland as also the self-certification scheme adopted by UK. In the case of 3rd party certification of origin by authorized agencies, including all the SEZs, GSP preferences are available for exports to Australia, Kazakhstan, New Zealand and Russia. These preferences are available for a specified list of products based on compliance with respective rules of origin. This list of products is quite significant in the case of the EU, Kazakhstan, Russia, Switzerland and UK covering more than 1/3rd of their total tariff lines.

A comprehensive understanding of these preferential schemes is valuable for every member who is exporting or intending to export into these markets. To explain these GSPs in greater detail, the following two e-compendiums on the opportunities for Indian exporters under the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) are available authored by Mr A Bipin Menon, ITS. Mr Menon was dealing with WTO and free trade agreements (FTAs) matters in the Department of Commerce. He was also involved in India's transition into the EU GSP self-certification scheme, and is currently the Development Commissioner, Noida Special Economic Zone. These books discuss in detail about the GSP for 9 countries/ grouping comprising the list of products, normal customs duty and GSP tariffs, rules of origin, application procedures and FAQs.

Information about these two compendiums are available at the following links-

1. <https://abipinmenon.stores.instamojo.com/product/266937/indias-opportunities-for-enhancing-exports-to-eu-and-uk-under-the-gsp/>
2. <https://abipinmenon.stores.instamojo.com/product/350341/indias-opportunities-for-enhancing-exports-to-australia-kazakhstan-new-zealand-norway-switzerland-and-russia-under-the-gsp/>

I am sure you would like to have a look at these books and benefit from the opportunities presented by Shri Menon.

Thank you.

Best wishes,

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