

GSP, ATPA and ATPDEA Scheduled to Expire December 31, 2009

The Generalized System of Preferences ("GSP"), with special program indicators (SPI) "A" and "A+", the Andean Trade Preference Act (ATPA), SPI "J," and the Andean Trade Promotion and Drug Eradication Act (ATPDEA), SPI "J+," are all due to expire for goods entered or withdrawn from a warehouse after midnight December 31, 2009.

These programs provide, subject to several requirements, for duty-free treatment of eligible articles imported directly into the United States from certain countries.

It is possible that legislation may be passed to renew the programs by the end of 2009. If no such legislation is passed by then, however, the programs will expire and duty-free treatment will no longer be available. In past years, legislation has sometimes passed after the expiration date that retroactively renewed GSP, for example. It is possible that some if not all of these programs will be renewed retroactively in 2010, but there is no guarantee that this will happen.

Questions concerning the scheduled expiration of any one of these programs should be directed to the International Coordination Branch at FTA@dhs.gov.



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