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Via e-mail

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**RE: Modifications to the U.S. GSP for Additions, Removals,
and Competitive Need Limitation Waivers**

Dear Sara:

Pursuant to a request from the U.S. Trade Representative, the U.S. International Trade Commission has revised the scope for a recently initiated investigation concerning possible modifications to the Generalized System of Preferences. The revision adds to the investigation the following five additional statistical reporting numbers related to certain handbags and travel goods products that are being considered for addition to the list of GSP-eligible products:

4202.92.30.20; 4202.92.30.31; 4202.92.30.91; 4202.92.90.26 and; 4202.92.90.60

Per request, the USITC will provide its advice as to the probable economic effect on total U.S. imports, U.S. industries producing like or directly competitive articles, and on U.S. consumers of the elimination of U.S. import duties on the five articles for all beneficiary developing countries under the GSP program, least-developed beneficiary developing countries (LDBDCs), beneficiary developing countries of the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA), and both LDBDCs and AGOA beneficiary developing countries combined under the GSP program.

In addition, the USTR also requested that the USITC provide advice with respect to whether like or directly competitive products were being produced in the United States on January 1, 1995, for the additional five articles as well as all of the products being considered for addition to and removal from the list of GSP-eligible products listed its December 30, 2015, request letter.

The USITC is scheduled to submit its confidential report to USTR by April 28, 2016 and as soon as possible thereafter, the USITC will issue a public version of the report containing only the unclassified sections, with any business confidential information and classified information deleted.

Of possible interest to certain members of the association and importing community is the public hearing to be held on February 24, 2016; requests to appear at the hearing must be received by 5:15 p.m. on February 1, 2016. In addition, written submissions must be received no later than 5:15 p.m. on February 29, 2016.

Sincerely,
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