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THE WHITE HOUSE

EXECUTIVE ORDER

AMENDING THE GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES

By virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the United States of America, including Title V and Section 604 of the Trade Act of 1974 (88 Stat. 2066, 19 U.S.C. 2461 et seq.; 88 Stat. 2073, 19 U.S.C. 2483), and as President of the United States of America, in order to modify, as provided by Section 504(c) of the Trade Act of 1974 (88 Stat. 2070, 19 U.S.C. 2464 (c)), the limitations on preferential treatment for eligible articles from countries designated as beneficiary developing countries, adjust the original designation of eligible articles, and modify the designations of beneficiary developing countries in accord with my notifications to the Congress of February 26, 1976, and August 14, 1976, and in accord with technical changes in the identification of certain beneficiary countries, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1. In order to subdivide existing items for purposes of the Generalized System of Preferences, the Tariff Schedules of the United States (TSUS) are modified as provided in Annex I, attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Sec. 2. Annex II of Executive Order No. 11888 of November 24, 1975, as amended by Annex II of Executive Order No. 11906 of February 26, 1976, is amended as provided in Annex II, attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Sec. 3. Annex III of Executive Order No. 11888, as amended by Annex III of Executive Order No. 11906, is amended as provided in Annex III attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Sec. 4. General Headnote 3(c)(iii) of the TSUS is modified as provided in Annex IV, attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Sec. 5. (a) General Headnote 3(c)(i) of the TSUS is modified ---

(i) by deleting from the list therein of countries designated as beneficiary developing countries for purposes of the Generalized System of Preferences "Laos", in order to withdraw from Laos the status of a beneficiary of the GSP,

(ii) by adding, in alphabetical order, to that list of designated beneficiary developing countries "Portugal", in order to designate Portugal as a beneficiary of the Generalized System of Preferences, and

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(iii)(A) by deleting from the list of designated beneficiary developing countries "Taiwan" and "Dahomey", and by substituting therefor, in alphabetical order, "Republic of China" and "Benin", respectively, and (B) by deleting from the list of designated beneficiary nonindependent countries and territories "Gilbert and Ellice Island" and by substituting therefor, in alphabetical order, the entries "Gilbert Islands", and "Tuvalu".

(b) General Headnote 3(c)(iii) of the TSUS is modified by deleting from the list therein "(Taiwan)" wherever that entry appears beside the entry "Republic of China".

Sec. 5. (a) The amendments made by Section 5 of this Order shall be effective on the date of publication of this Order in the Federal Register.

(b) The amendments made by Annex IV, paragraph (b) of this Order, made part hereof by Section 4 above, shall be effective with respect to articles both: imported on or after January 1, 1976, and entered for consumption, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after March 1, 1976.

(c) The other amendments made by this Order shall be effective with respect to articles both: imported on or after January 1, 1976, and entered for consumption, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after October 1, 1976.

GERALD R. FORD

THE WHITE HOUSE,

August 30, 1976.

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