COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) No 496/2013

of 29 May 2013

amending Annex I to Council Regulation (EC) No 732/2008 applying a scheme of generalised tariff preferences

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and in particular Article 207 thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 732/2008 of 22 July 2008 applying a scheme of generalised tariff preferences from 1 January 2009 and amending Regulations (EC) No 552/97, (EC) No 1933/2006 and Commission Regulations (EC) No 1100/2006 and (EC) No 964/2007 [1] (GSP Regulation), and in particular Article 25 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Recital 12 of Regulation (EC) No 732/2008 provides that the special arrangement for the least-developed countries should continue to grant duty-free access to the Community market for products originating in the least-developed countries, as recognised and classified by the UN.

(2) In accordance with point (b) of Article 25 of the GSP Regulation the Commission shall adopt amendments made necessary by change in the international status or classification of countries or territories.

(3) The Republic of South Sudan (hereinafter South Soudan) has become an independent State. On 14 July 2011 the General Assembly of United Nations adopted Resolution A/RES/65/308 admitting South Sudan to membership in the United Nations.

(4) On 18 December 2012 the General Assembly of United Nations adopted Resolution A/RES/67/136 adding South Sudan to the list of Least Developed Countries.

(5) The Netherlands Antilles have been dissolved. Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba, Curaçao and Sint Maarten (Dutch part) are now overseas countries and territories of the Kingdom of Netherlands.

(6) Commission Regulation (EU) No 1106/2012 of 27 November 2012 implementing Regulation (EC) No 471/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council on Community statistics relating to external trade with non-member countries, as regards the update of the nomenclature of countries and territories [2] deleted Netherlands Antilles from and included Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba, Curaçao, Sint Maarten (Dutch part) and South Sudan in the version of nomenclature of countries and territories for the external trade statistics of the Union and statistics of trade between Member States which is valid as from 1 January 2013.

(7) Accordingly Annex I to the GSP Regulation should be amended as follows. Netherlands Antilles should be deleted from Column B of Annex I to the GSP Regulation. South Sudan, Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba, Curaçao and Sint Maarten (Dutch part) should be included in Column B of Annex I to the GSP Regulation. South Sudan should be also included in Column D of Annex I to the GSP Regulation, as country included in the special arrangement for the least developed countries.

(8) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Generalised Preferences Committee,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 732/2008 is replaced by the text set out in the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

It shall apply from 1 January 2013.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 29 May 2013.

For the Commission
The President
José Manuel BARROSO

[1] OJ L 211, 6.8.2008, p. 1.

[2] OJ L 328, 28.11.2012, p. 7.

ANNEX

'ANNEX I

Beneficiary countries [1] **and territories of the Community's scheme of generalised tariff preferences**

Column A: alphabetical code, in accordance with the nomenclature of countries and territories for the external trade statistics of the Community

Column B: name of the country or territory

Column C: section(s) in respect of which the tariff preferences have been removed, for the beneficiary country concerned (Article 13)

Column D: country included in the special arrangement for the least developed countries (Article 11)

Column E: country included in the special incentive arrangement for sustainable development and good governance (Article 7)

A	B	C		D	E
AE	United Arab Emirates				
AF	Afghanistan			X	
AG	Antigua and Barbuda				
AI	Anguilla				
AM	Armenia				X
AO	Angola			X	
AQ	Antarctica				
AR	Argentina				
AS	American Samoa				
AW	Aruba				
AZ	Azerbaijan				X
BB	Barbados				
BD	Bangladesh			X	
BF	Burkina Faso			X	
BH	Bahrain				
BI	Burundi			X	
BJ	Benin			X	
BM	Bermuda				
BN	Brunei Darussalam				
BO	Bolivia				X
BQ	Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba				

[1] This list includes countries which may have been suspended temporarily from the Community's GSP or which may not have complied with the requirements for administrative cooperation (a precondition for goods to be granted the benefit of tariff preferences). The Commission or the competent authorities of the country concerned will provide an updated list.

A	B	C		D	E
BR	Brazil	S-IV	Prepared foodstuffs; beverages, spirits and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes		
		S-IX	Wood and articles of wood; wood charcoal; cork and articles of cork; manufactures of straw, of esparto or of other plaiting materials; basket ware and wickerwork		
BS	Bahamas				
BT	Bhutan			X	
BV	Bouvet Island				
BW	Botswana				
BY	Belarus				
BZ	Belize				
CC	Cocos Islands (or Keeling Islands)				
CD	Congo, Democratic Republic of			X	
CF	Central African Republic			X	
CG	Congo				
CI	Côte d'Ivoire				
CK	Cook Islands				
CM	Cameroon				
CN	China, People's Republic of	S-VI	Products of the chemical or allied industries		
		S-VII	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof		
		S-VIII	Raw hides and skins, leather, furskins and articles thereof; saddlery and harness; travel goods, handbags and similar containers; articles of animal gut (other than silkworm gut)		
		S-IX	Wood and articles of wood; wood charcoal; cork and articles of cork; manufactures of straw, of esparto or of other plaiting materials; basketware and wickerwork		
		S-XI(a)	Textiles; S-XI(b) Textile articles		
		S-XII	Footwear, headgear, umbrellas, sun umbrellas, walking sticks, seat-sticks, whips, riding-crops and parts thereof; prepared feathers and articles made therewith; artificial flowers; articles of human hair		

A	B	C		D	E
		S-XIII	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials; ceramic products; glass and glassware		
		S-XIV	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal, and articles thereof; imitation jewellery; coin		
		S-XV	Base metals and articles of base metal		
		S-XVI	Machinery and mechanical appliances; electrical equipment; parts thereof; sound recorders and reproducers, television image and sound recorders and reproducers, and parts and accessories of such articles		
		S-XVII	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment		
		S-XVIII	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus; clocks and watches; musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof		
		S-XX	Miscellaneous manufactured articles		
CO	Colombia				X
CR	Costa Rica				X
CU	Cuba				
CV	Cape Verde			X	
CW	Curaçao				
CX	Christmas Island				
DJ	Djibouti			X	
DM	Dominica				
DO	Dominican Republic				
DZ	Algeria				
EC	Ecuador				X
EG	Egypt				
ER	Eritrea			X	
ET	Ethiopia			X	
FJ	Fiji				
FK	Falkland Islands				

A	B	C		D	E
FM	Micronesia, Federated States of				
GA	Gabon				
GD	Grenada				
GE	Georgia				X
GH	Ghana				
GI	Gibraltar				
GL	Greenland				
GM	Gambia			X	
GN	Guinea			X	
GQ	Equatorial Guinea			X	
GS	South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands				
GT	Guatemala				X
GU	Guam				
GW	Guinea-Bissau			X	
GY	Guyana				
HM	Heard Island and McDonald Islands				
HN	Honduras				X
HT	Haiti			X	
ID	Indonesia	S-III	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes		
IN	India	S-XI(a)	Textiles		
IO	British Indian Ocean Territory				
IQ	Iraq				
IR	Iran				
JM	Jamaica				
JO	Jordan				
KE	Kenya				
KG	Kyrgyzstan				
KH	Cambodia			X	
KI	Kiribati			X	
KM	Comoros			X	

A	B	C		D	E
KN	St Kitts and Nevis				
KW	Kuwait				
KY	Cayman Islands				
KZ	Kazakhstan				
LA	Lao People's Democratic Republic			X	
LB	Lebanon				
LC	St Lucia				
LK	Sri Lanka				X
LR	Liberia			X	
LS	Lesotho			X	
LY	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya				
MA	Morocco				
MG	Madagascar			X	
MH	Marshall Islands				
ML	Mali			X	
MM	Myanmar/Burma			X	
MN	Mongolia				X
MO	Macao				
MP	Northern Mariana Islands				
MR	Mauritania			X	
MS	Montserrat				
MU	Mauritius				
MV	Maldives			X	
MW	Malawi			X	
MX	Mexico				
MY	Malaysia	S-III	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes		
MZ	Mozambique			X	
NA	Namibia				
NC	New Caledonia				
NE	Niger			X	
NF	Norfolk Island				

A	B	C		D	E
NG	Nigeria				
NI	Nicaragua				X
NP	Nepal			X	
NR	Nauru				
NU	Niue				
OM	Oman				
PA	Panama				
PE	Peru				X
PF	French Polynesia				
PG	Papua New Guinea				
PH	Philippines				
PK	Pakistan				
PM	St Pierre and Miquelon				
PN	Pitcairn				
PW	Palau				
PY	Paraguay				X
QA	Qatar				
RU	Russian Federation				
RW	Rwanda			X	
SA	Saudi Arabia				
SB	Solomon Islands			X	
SC	Seychelles				
SD	Sudan			X	
SH	Saint Helena				
SL	Sierra Leone			X	
SN	Senegal			X	
SO	Somalia			X	
SR	Suriname				
SS	South Sudan			X	
ST	São Tomé and Príncipe			X	
SV	El Salvador				X
SX	Sint Maarten (Dutch part)				

A	B	C		D	E
SY	Syrian Arab Republic				
SZ	Swaziland				
TC	Turks and Caicos Islands				
TD	Chad			X	
TF	French Southern Territories				
TG	Togo			X	
TH	Thailand	S-XIV	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal, and articles thereof; imitation jewellery; coin		
TJ	Tajikistan				
TK	Tokelau				
TL	Timor-Leste			X	
TM	Turkmenistan				
TN	Tunisia				
TO	Tonga				
TT	Trinidad and Tobago				
TV	Tuvalu			X	
TZ	Tanzania			X	
UA	Ukraine				
UG	Uganda			X	
UM	United States Minor Outlying Islands				
UY	Uruguay				
UZ	Uzbekistan				
VC	St Vincent and the Grenadines				
VE	Venezuela				
VG	Virgin Islands, British				
VI	Virgin Islands, US				
VN	Vietnam	S-XII	Footwear, headgear, umbrellas, sun umbrellas, walking sticks, seat-sticks, whips, riding crops and parts thereof; prepared feathers and articles made therewith; artificial flowers; articles of human hair		

A	B	C		D	E
VU	Vanuatu			X	
WF	Wallis and Futuna				
WS	Samoa			X	
YE	Yemen			X	
YT	Mayotte				
ZA	South Africa				
ZM	Zambia			X	
ZW	Zimbabwe’				