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**USE OF U.S. TRADE PREFERENCES BY PACIFIC ISLAND ECONOMIES**

The countries participating in the 2007 Pacific Island Conference of Leaders (PICL) include the Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia (Micronesia), Fiji, Kiribati, Nauru, Niue, the Republic of Palau (Palau), Papua New Guinea, the Republic of the Marshall Islands (Marshall Islands), Samoa, the Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu. U.S. imports from these economies are provided duty-free treatment by two preference programs: the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) and the Freely Associated States (FAS) Preferences.

U.S. imports from the Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Niue, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, the Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu are eligible for duty-free treatment under the GSP program. Nauru graduated from the GSP program in 1988 due to it exceeding the statutory per capita income cap. The 1985 Compact of Free Association provides duty-free entry for U.S. imports from of Micronesia, the Marshall Islands, and Palau.

**Recommendations**

- Make greater use of available GSP and FAS preferences.
- Ensure that all eligible products are indicated as eligible on each product's U.S. customs entry form.
- Explore opportunities to export to the United States those products which are being exported elsewhere which would receive duty-free treatment if imported by the United States.
- Consider using a regional association of Pacific Island economies that could be recognized by the U.S. government for the purpose of pooling inputs for GSP eligibility.
- Identify the opportunities provided to each economy by entering into a GSP certified handicraft arrangement.
- GSP Eligibility:
  - Nauru: If Nauru were redesignated as a GSP beneficiary, its 2006 exports to the United States of ferromanganese (\$68,470 in U.S. imports, which were subject to a 1.4% tariff), silk handkerchiefs, and other items would receive GSP duty-free treatment.
  - The Solomon Islands is on the United Nations list of least-developed countries; however, it has not been designated as a least-developed beneficiary under the GSP program, which would provide duty-free treatment for an additional 1436 products.

**Generalized System of Preferences Program**

Congress created the U.S. GSP program in 1974, with broad bipartisan support, to expand the choices and decrease the costs of imports used by American industry and consumers while creating economic opportunities in developing countries. The GSP program provides preferential duty-free treatment for 3,448 products from 135 designated beneficiary developing countries (BDCs) and territories. The Cook Islands, Fiji, Niue, Papua New Guinea, the Solomon Islands, and Tonga fall within this category.

In 1996, an additional 1,436 articles from least-developed beneficiary developing countries (LDBDCs) were made eligible for duty-free treatment. There are currently 43 least-developed GSP beneficiaries, including Kiribati, Samoa, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu.

U.S. imports under GSP in 2006 from all beneficiaries totaled \$32.6 billion, an increase of 22 percent over 2005. The combined GSP-eligible product lists include most dutiable manufactures and semi-manufactures,

and certain agricultural, fishery, and primary industrial products. Top U.S. imports under GSP in 2006 were petroleum, gold jewelry, aluminum alloy products, refined copper cathodes, methanol, and silver jewelry.

Some articles are prohibited by the GSP statute from receiving GSP treatment, including textiles produced with cotton, wool, manmade fiber, other vegetable fiber (linen and ramie); watches; certain footwear and handbags; luggage; flat goods not made of silk; gloves other than sports gloves; and other leather items.

### **How does an import receive GSP duty-free treatment?**

A GSP-eligible import must meet the following requirements:

- It must be included in the list of GSP-eligible articles.<sup>1</sup>
- It must be imported into the United States directly from the GSP beneficiary or pass through another country in a sealed container.
- The article must be the growth, product, or manufacture of the GSP beneficiary.
- When product inputs are imported from outside of the GSP beneficiary country, the sum of the cost or value of materials produced in the beneficiary country, plus the direct costs of processing, must equal at least 35 percent of the product's appraised value when the product is sold for export into the United States. Imported materials can be counted toward the 35 percent value-added requirement only if they are "substantially transformed" into new and different constituent materials which are then used to produce or manufacture the eligible article to be exported. "Substantially transformed" means that U.S. customs would classify the constituent materials as different items.
- The exporter/importer must request duty-free treatment under GSP by placing an "A," "A+," or "A\*" before the U.S. tariff line (HTSUS) number that identifies the import on the customs entry form.

### **Inputs from GSP beneficiaries in regional associations can pool inputs**

The GSP program contains special provisions for beneficiary developing countries that are members of a recognized regional association. The most important benefit is that the regional association is considered as one country for purposes of GSP rules of origin. Articles produced in two or more eligible member countries of an association are given duty-free treatment if the countries, together, meet the rules of origin. *There is currently no recognized regional association, for the purposes of the GSP program, from the Pacific Islands region.*

A least-developed beneficiary in a recognized regional association can also work with a non-least developed beneficiary country in the regional association to produce one of the 1400 products reserved for production by least-developed beneficiaries. The product will receive GSP duty-free treatment as long as it is shipped directly to the United States from the least-developed country.

### **GSP certified textile handicraft arrangements**

Thirteen GSP beneficiary countries can also export several certified handicraft items duty-free under GSP because the countries have "certified textile handicraft arrangements" with the United States. The agreement allows the United States to give duty-free treatment to U.S. imports, that have been certified by the beneficiary country, of hand-loomed and folklore wall hangings; hand-loomed and folklore pillow covers; and certain hand-woven textile floor coverings. Duties saved range from 3.8 percent to 4.3 percent. No Pacific Island economies have entered into certified textile handicraft arrangements.

### **Need more information on GSP?**

For more information about the GSP program, including a guidebook and lists of eligible products, go to: [http://www.ustr.gov/Trade\\_Development/Preference\\_Programs/GSP/Section\\_Index.html](http://www.ustr.gov/Trade_Development/Preference_Programs/GSP/Section_Index.html) We are also available

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<sup>1</sup> The Harmonized Tariff System of the United States is available at [www.usitc.gov/tata/hts](http://www.usitc.gov/tata/hts). Published classification rulings are available at <http://rulings.cbp.gov>. Additional information about customs procedures and importing into the United States is available at [www.cbp.gov](http://www.cbp.gov).

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### **Freely Associated States (FAS) Duty-Free Treatment**

Many categories of U.S. imports from the “Freely Associated States” (the Marshall Islands, Micronesia, and Palau), pursuant to the Compact of Free Association Act of 1985, can enter the United States free of duty. Certain rules of origin apply, and the article must be imported directly from a Freely Associated State.

Duty-free treatment is not available for imports of certain prepared or preserved tuna and skipjack in airtight containers that are in excess of ten percent of U.S. consumption of canned tuna during the immediately preceding calendar year; all textile and apparel that were subject to textile agreements as of 1994; footwear; handbags; luggage; flat goods; work gloves; leather wearing apparel; watches, clocks and timing apparatus; certain buttons; and any agricultural product subject to a tariff-rate quota the amount of which is in excess of the in-quota quantity of such product.

### **U.S. Imports from the Pacific Island Region**

U.S. imports were \$265.2 million in 2006, a decrease of 15% (\$45.4 million) from the \$310.6 million 2004. Imports under the GSP program were \$57.3 million (21.6% of all U.S. imports from the region) in 2006, an increase of \$18.5 million over the same two-year period (U.S. imports entering under GSP from the region were 12.5% of all imports from the region in 2004). U.S. imports entering under FAS provisions were \$716,000 in 2006 (0.27 percent of all imports), down 40% from 1.2 million in 2004 (0.39% of all imports).

#### **U.S. imports in 2006 from the region, in order of largest trade value:**

- Tunas and skipjack, not in airtight containers or in oil in bulk containers;
- Coffee;
- Estimated imports of low-valued transactions;
- Light oil motor fuel; and
- Cocoa beans.

#### **Imports entering duty-free under the GSP program in 2006 (with MFN duties saved):**

- Mineral water (\$39.7 million) - 0.26 cents/liter;
- Raw cane sugar (\$8.7 million);
- Molasses (\$4.2 million) - 0.01 cents/kg;
- Fresh or chilled dasheens (\$1.8 million) - 2.3%;
- Juice of certain single fruits, including cherries and berries (\$1.1 million) - 0.5 cents/liter;
- Ginger root (\$282,000) - 2.4%; and
- Cassava (\$145,000) - 7.9%.

**Other 2006 imports of large trade value under GSP included** food preparations, fruit and nut flour, national flags, wooden statuettes, plywood of at least one hardwood outer ply, bath preparations, yams, dried vegetables, organic surface-active agents, other waters, and dyed foliage for bouquets or ornamental purposes.

**Approximately \$2.2 million in U.S. imports from the Pacific Islands were eligible for duty-free entry under GSP, assuming that the imports complied with the GSP rules of origin, but were not claimed as such on their entry forms.** Examples in 2005 or 2006 were:

- \$176,923 in active yeasts (6.4% tariff) from the Cook Islands;
- \$897,545 in mineral waters (0.26 cents/liter tariff) from Fiji;
- \$15,053 in wooden statutes (3.2%) from Papua New Guinea;
- \$235,092 in dried fruit other than of citrus fruit, bananas, plantains, nuts, figs, pineapples, dates, guavas, mangos and mangosteens (2.5%) from Samoa;
- \$92,287 in gold jewelry, including gold-plated jewelry with platinum (4.1%) from the Solomon Islands;
- \$25,046 in palmitic and stearic acid (5%) and \$2,700 in sweet potatoes (4.5%) from Tonga; and
- \$81,000 in food preparations (6.4%) from Vanuatu.

**U.S. imports under FAS in 2006 were, in order of largest trade value:**

- Frozen fish meat, excluding fillets, in bulk (\$231,344);
- Frozen fillets of freshwater fish, flat fish, etc. (\$229,889);
- Basketwork and other articles of vegetable materials (\$127,886); and
- Rum and tafia in containers of larger than four liters (\$86,841)

**World Imports from the Pacific Island Economies**

A number of dutiable products are exported to the world from the region, but are not exported in large volumes to the United States. Export of these products to the United States could be explored, many of which are eligible for duty-free treatment under GSP:

- baskets of wicker and other vegetable materials;
- active yeasts;
- balsa, mahogany and other types of woods;
- coniferous wood in chips or particles;
- untreated non-coniferous wood in the rough;
- aluminum waste and scrap;
- frozen fish fillets, livers, and roes;
- big-eyed, albacore and other tunas;
- mollusks;
- organo-sulfur compounds;
- calcium phosphate, aluminum calcium phosphate and phosphate chalk;
- unwrought nickel;
- copper ores and concentrates;
- fresh or chilled vegetables;
- fermented black tea and other partly fermented teas;
- coconut oil, including copra; and
- medicinal plants

Imports from South Pacific economies by leading markets, 2006							
Supplying South Pacific economy	Importing country						
	United States		Australia (2005)	New Zealand	European Union	Japan	China
	GSP	Total					
In Thousands of dollars							
Cook Islands	16	2,098	424	701	927	3,368	1,196
Fed. States of Micronesia	0	885	18	1	76	3,639	73
Fiji	52,808	145,793	145,900	34,126	144,607	51,771	1,228
Kiribati	0	1,346	386	10	703	2,125	1
Nauru	0	274	151	35	359	435	1
Niue	51	73	1	263	11,819	936	0
Palau	0	605	2	1	116	40,478	5
Papua New Guinea	2,902	83,624	1,529,816	36,408	501,351	659,717	391,849
Rep. Marshall Islands	0	14,520	25	51	317,084	18,612	202
Samoa	1,255	4,223	0	1,662	594	1,059	12
Solomon Islands	3	2,193	2,752	1,675	14,547	23,022	124,862
Tonga	164	7,265	483	1,716	308	6,685	13
Tuvalu	0	23	69	1	743	0	76
Vanuatu	85	2,274	3,379	393	9,657	29,344	1,052
Total	57,284	265,196	1,683,406	77,043	1,002,891	840,591	502,570

Sources: USITC DataWeb and the Global Trade Atlas.

## INDIVIDUAL ECONOMY SUMMARIES

### Cook Islands

Exports from the Cook Islands totaled \$5.222 million in 2005. Based on 2004 data, the Cook Islands major export partners are: Australia (34 percent), Japan (27 percent), New Zealand (25 percent), and the United States(8 percent).

Cook Islands imports totaled \$81.04 million in 2005. Major import commodities included foodstuffs, textiles, fuels, timber, and capital goods. Based on 2004 data, the Cook Islands major import partners were New Zealand (61 percent), Fiji (19 percent), United States (9 percent), Australia (6 percent),and Japan (2 percent).

#### **GSP usage and eligibility**

Based on trade data for 2005 and 2006, just two of sixteen GSP-eligible imports from the Cook Islands received GSP treatment: Both items were fish products. GSP-eligible, but unclaimed, trade was \$89,074 for 2005 and \$127,018 in 2006. Duty rates unnecessarily paid were as high as 7.5 percent.

The following chart shows U.S. imports from the Cook Islands that entered duty-free under GSP in 2005 and 2006:

<b>HTS NUM</b>	<b>GSP Eligible</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>MFN rate</b>	<b>IMPORT PROGRAM</b>	<b>YEAR 2005</b>	<b>YEAR 2006</b>
71161010	A	Natural pearl articles	3.3%	GSP	0	13,464
71131929	A	Gold necklaces and neck chains (o/than of rope or mixed links)	5.5%	GSP	0	2,834
71131950	A*	Precious metal (o/than silver) articles of jewelry and parts thereto, whether or not plated or clad with precious metal, nesoi	5.5%	GSP	6,890	0

The following chart indicates over \$307,000 in GSP-eligible imports from the Cook Islands for which the duty-free treatment was not claimed in 2005 or 2006 but may have been eligible based on whether the products met GSP rules of origin. The duty rates paid were as high as 7.5 percent.

<b>HTS NUM</b>	<b>GSP Eligible</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>MFN rate</b>	<b>IMPORT PROGRAM</b>	<b>YEAR 2005</b>	<b>YEAR 2006</b>
21021000	A	Active yeasts	6.40%	No program claimed	0	176,923
94054080	A	Electric lamps and lighting fixtures nesoi, not of base metal	3.90%	No program claimed	0	92,385
85393200	A	Mercury or sodium vapor discharge lamps or metal halide discharge lamps (other than ultraviolet lamps)	2.40%	No program claimed	0	12,330

84779085	A	Parts of machinery for working rubber or plastics or for the manufacture of products from these materials, nesoi	3.10%	No program claimed	0	6,175
86072950	A	Parts of railway/tramway locomotives/rolling stock, pts of brakes (o/th air brakes) for self-propelled vehicles or non-self-propelled nesoi	2.60%	No program claimed	0	4,790
90308900	A	Instruments and apparatus for measuring, checking or detecting electrical quantities or ionizing radiations, nesoi: w/o a recording device	1.70%	No program claimed	0	3,196
85044095	A	Static converters (for example, rectifiers), nesoi	1.50%	No program claimed	0	3,000
73209050	A	Iron or steel, springs (o/than leaf springs, helical springs or hairsprings)	2.90%	No program claimed	0	2,466
85243980	A	Pre-recorded discs for laser reading systems, reproducing sound and images or images only, nesoi	2.70%	No program claimed	0	2,340
84841000	A	Gaskets and similar joints of metal sheeting combined with other material or of two or more layers of metal	2.50%	No program claimed	0	2,308
63079098	A	National flags and other made-up articles of textile materials, nesoi	7.00%	No program claimed	0	699
40169310	A	Gaskets, washers and other seals, of noncellular vulcanized rubber other than hard rubber	2.50%	No program claimed	0	523
39269098	A	Other articles of plastic, nesoi	5.30%	No program claimed	344	0

71131150	A	Silver articles of jewelry and parts thereof, nesoi, valued over \$18 per dozen pieces or parts	5.00%	No program claimed	2,320	0
82073030	A	Interchangeable tools for pressing, stamping or punching, suitable for cutting metal, and base metal parts thereof	5.70%	No program claimed	3,626	0
84859000	A	Machinery parts, not containing electrical connectors, insulators, coils, contacts or other electrical features and other parts nesi	3.90%	No program claimed	5,712	0
91122080	A	Clock cases and cases of a similar type for other goods of chapter 91, other than cases of metal	5.50%	No program claimed	2,808	0

### Exports to other markets

Products currently exported by the Cook Islands to other countries that may qualify for GSP benefits if exported to the United States include fruit juices, jewelry, and fruit.

<b>Cook Islands: Leading* exports of U.S. GSP-eligible articles and U.S. imports</b>				
<b>Rank</b>	<b>HS number and brief description</b>	<b>Exports to the world (2004)</b>	<b>U.S. imports (2006)</b>	
			<b>Total</b>	<b>GSP</b>
<b>In Thousands of dollars</b>				
1	2009.80 Other fruit or vegetable juice, not mixed	2,204.9	0	0
2	7113.19 Jewelry of gold or platinum	278.4	2.8	2.8
3	0810.90 Other fresh fruit	92.3	0	0
4	0807.20 Papayas	80.9	0	0
5	7116.10 Articles of natural or cultured pearls	25.6	13.5	13.5
6	7103.99 Worked precious stones, except rubies, sapphires, emeralds, or diamond	1.4	0	0
*All articles for which exports to the world were valued over \$1,000.				
Sources: USITC DataWeb and Global Trade Atlas.				

## Fiji

Exports from Fiji totaled \$719.6 million in 2005. Major export commodities included sugar, garments, gold, timber, fish, molasses, and coconut oil. Fiji's major export partners in 2005 were the United States (19.7 percent), Australia (17 percent), United Kingdom (12.3 percent), Japan (5.4 percent) and Samoa (4.1 percent).

Fiji's imports in 2005 totaled \$1.462 billion. Major import commodities included manufactured goods, machinery and transport equipment, petroleum products, food, and chemicals. Fiji's major imports partners in 2005 were Singapore (27.5 percent), Australia (23.7 percent), New Zealand (19 percent), and Thailand (4.5 percent).

### **GSP usage and eligibility**

Based on trade data for 2005 and 2006, just two of sixteen GSP-eligible imports from Fiji received GSP treatment: Both items were fish products. Apparently GSP-eligible, but unclaimed, trade was \$118,627 for 2005 and \$979,341 in 2006. Duty rates unnecessarily paid were as high as 10.9 percent.

The following chart shows U.S. imports from Fiji which entered duty-free under GSP in 2005 and 2006:

HTS NUM	GSP Eligible	Description	MFN rate	IMPORT PROGRAM	YEAR 2005	YEAR 2006
22011000	A	Mineral waters and aerated waters, not containing added sugar or other sweetening matter nor flavored	0.26 cents/liter	GSP	\$48,194,502	\$39,717,652
17011110	A*	Cane sugar, raw, in solid form, w/o added flavoring or coloring, subject to add. US 5 to Ch.17	1.4606 cents/kg less 0.020668 cents/kg for each degree under 100 degrees (and fractions of a degree in proportion) but not less than 0.943854 cents/kg	GSP	\$4,063,915	\$5,884,527
17039050	A*	Molasses nesi	0.01 cents/kg of total sugars	GSP	\$0	\$4,213,582
07149010	A	Fresh or chilled dasheens, whether or not sliced or in the form of pellets	2.3%	GSP	\$1,592,979	\$1,771,223
20060030	A	Ginger root, preserved by sugar (drained, glace or crystallized)	2.4%	GSP	\$276,806	\$282,343

19059090	A	Bakers' wares communion wafers, empty capsules suitable for pharmaceutical use, sealing wafers, rice paper and similar products, nesoi	4.5%	GSP	\$120,846	\$138,973
07141010	A*	Cassava (manioc), frozen, whether or not sliced or in the form of pellets	7.9%	GSP	\$46,836	\$106,687
63079098	A	National flags and other made-up articles of textile materials, nesoi	7.0%	GSP	\$56,660	\$71,315
44122936	A*	Plywood nesoi, at least one hardwood outer ply nesoi, no particle board, not surface-covered beyond clear/transparent, face ply nesoi	8.0%	GSP	\$0	\$65,584
33073050	A	Bath preparations, other than bath salts	4.9%	GSP	\$80,080	\$63,590
07129085	A	Dried vegetables nesoi, and mixtures of dried vegetables, whole, cut, sliced, broken or in powder, but not further prepared	8.3%	GSP	\$25,428	\$58,503
22021000	A	Waters, including mineral waters and aerated waters, containing added sugar or other sweetening matter or flavored	0.2 cents/liter	GSP	\$25,867	\$50,540
06049960	A	Foliage, branches, parts of plants and grasses, suitable for bouquets or ornamental purposes, dyed, impregnated or otherwise prepared	7.0%	GSP	\$0	\$44,371
07149045	A*	Frozen dasheens/yams/arrowroot/salep/Jerusalem artichokes/similar roots & tubers (but not cassava, sweet potatoes & Chinese water chestnuts)	6.0%	GSP	\$6,210	\$35,631
34013010	A	Organic surface-active products for wash skin, in liquid or cream, contain any aromatic/mod aromatic surface-active agent, put up for retail	4.0%	GSP	\$67,689	\$29,195
20059097	A	Vegetables nesoi, & mixtures of vegetables, prepared or preserved otherwise than by vinegar or acetic acid, not frozen, not preserved by sugar	11.2%	GSP	\$18,004	\$27,049

39232900	A	Sacks and bags (including cones) for the conveyance or packing of goods, of plastics other than polymers of ethylene	3.0%	GSP	\$3,680	\$26,754
44121340	A	Plywood sheets n/o 6 mm thick, with specified tropical wood outer ply, with face ply nesi, not surface-covered beyond clear/transparent	8.0%	GSP	\$0	\$26,067
44201000	A	Wooden statuettes and other wood ornaments	3.2%	GSP	\$55,912	\$25,024
44219097	A	Articles of wood, not elsewhere specified or included	3.3%	GSP	\$22,678	\$24,069
08119010	A*	Bananas and plantains, frozen, in water or containing added sweetening	3.4%	GSP	\$61,740	\$17,325
19019090	A	Flour-, meal-, starch-, malt extract- or dairy-based food preps not containing cocoa and not containing specific amounts of dairy, nesi	6.4%	GSP	\$19,191	\$13,098
21069099	A	Food preparations not elsewhere specified or included, not canned or frozen	6.4%	GSP	\$16,558	\$12,272
85279095	A	Reception apparatus for radiotelegraphy, radiotelephony, radio broadcasting, nesi	6.0%	GSP	\$8,450	\$11,600
20079950	A	Guava and mango pastes and purees, being cooked preparations	1.3%	GSP	\$0	\$11,072
07108070	A	Vegetables nesi, uncooked or cooked by steaming or boiling in water, frozen, not reduced in size	11.3%	GSP	\$8,023	\$10,506
44190080	A	Wooden tableware and kitchenware, other than forks and spoons	3.2%	GSP	\$2,700	\$6,470
20089990	A	Fruit nesi, and other edible parts of plants nesi, other than pulp and excluding mixtures, otherwise prepared or preserved, nesi	6.0%	GSP	\$17,652	\$4,833
85269200	A	Radio remote control apparatus	4.9%	GSP	\$0	\$4,651
85371090	A	Boards, panels, consoles, desks, cabinets, etc., equipped with apparatus for electric control, for a voltage not exceeding 1,000, nesi	2.7%	GSP	\$0	\$4,333

44209080	A	Wood marquetry and inlaid wood; wooden articles of furniture, nesi	3.2%	GSP	\$5,135	\$4,261
71131950	A*	Precious metal (o/than silver) articles of jewelry and parts thereof, whether or not plated or clad with precious metal,nesoi	5.5%	GSP	\$19,028	\$4,030
07142010	A*	Sweet potatoes, frozen, whether or not sliced or in the form of pellets	6.0%	GSP	\$0	\$3,820
09109960	A	Spices, nesi	1.9%	GSP	\$10,037	\$3,694
85243980	A	Pre-recorded discs for laser reading systems, reproducing sound and images or images only, nesoi	2.7%	GSP	\$0	\$3,046
08119052	A	Mangoes, frozen, whether or not previously steamed or boiled	10.9%	GSP	\$7,644	\$3,004
18063290	A	Cocoa preps, not filled, in blocks, slabs or bars weighing 2kg or less,	6.0%	GSP	\$0	\$2,951
22029090	A	Nonalcoholic beverages, nesi, not including fruit or vegetable juices of heading 2009	0.2 cents/liter	GSP	\$6,787	\$2,900
33079000	A	Depilatories and other perfumery, cosmetic or toilet preparations. nesoi	5.4%	GSP	\$0	\$2,817
19023000	A	Pasta nesi	6.4%	GSP	\$0	\$2,761
71131929	A	Gold necklaces and neck chains (o/than of rope or mixed links)	5.5%	GSP	\$0	\$2,559
39231000	A	Boxes, cases, crates and similar articles for the conveyance or packing of goods, of plastics	3.0%	GSP	\$0	\$2,400
20060070	A	Fruit nesi, and nuts, except mixtures, preserved by sugar (drained, glace or crystallized)	8.0%	GSP	\$0	\$2,209

69119000	A*	Porcelain or china (o/than bone china) household and toilet articles (other than tableware or kitchenware), nesoi	5.4%	GSP	\$0	\$2,160
33074100	A	Agarbatti and other odoriferous preparations which operate by burning, to perfume or deodorize rooms or used during religious rites	2.4%	GSP	\$0	\$2,030
46021009	A	Baskets and bags of bamboo other than wickerwork	10.0%	GSP	\$0	\$2,020
42010060	A*	Saddlery and harnesses for animals nesi, (incl. traces, leads, knee pads, muzzles, saddle cloths and bags and the like), of any material	2.8%	GSP	\$0	\$1,803
67029065	A	Artificial flowers/foilage/fruit & pts thereof; articles of artif. flowers, etc.; all the foregoing of materials o/than plast./feath./mmf	17.0%	GSP	\$0	\$432
39241020	A	Plates, cups, saucers, soup bowls, cereal bowls, sugar bowls, creamers, gravy boats, serving dishes and platters, of plastics	6.5%	GSP	\$878	\$360
17031050	A	Cane molasses nesi	0.01 cents/kg of total sugars	GSP	\$4,330,700	\$0
07149060	A	Dried dasheens, yams, arrowroot, salep, Jerusalem artichokes, and similar roots and tubers nesoi, whether or not sliced but not in pellets	8.3%	GSP	\$20,008	\$0
07149020	A	Fresh or chilled yams, whether or not sliced or in the form of pellets	6.4%	GSP	\$11,033	\$0
18069090	A	Chocolate and preps w/cocoa, nesoi, not put up for retail sale	6.0%	GSP	\$8,407	\$0
20011000	A	Cucumbers including gherkins, prepared or preserved by vinegar or acetic acid	9.6%	GSP	\$7,830	\$0
15159080	A	Fixed vegetable fats and oils and their fractions nesoi, whether or not refined, not chemically modified	3.2%	GSP	\$6,804	\$0
20019038	A	Vegetables (including olives) nesoi, prepared or preserved by vinegar or acetic acid	9.6%	GSP	\$3,492	\$0
09109100	A	Mixtures of spices	1.9%	GSP	\$2,896	\$0
19041000	A	Prepared foods obtained by the swelling or roasting of cereals or cereal products	1.1%	GSP	\$2,385	\$0

17049035	A	Sugar confections or sweetmeats ready for consumption, not containing cocoa, other than candied nuts or cough drops	5.6%	GSP	\$2,192	\$0
19021940	A	Uncooked pasta, not stuffed or otherwise prepared, not containing eggs, nesi, including pasta packaged with sauce preparations	6.4%	GSP	\$2,058	\$0
20089950	A	Papayas, other than pulp, otherwise prepared or preserved, nesi	1.8%	GSP	\$5,831	\$0
20098060	A	Juice of any other single fruit, nesi, (including cherries and berries), concentrated or not concentrated	0.5 cents/liter	GSP	\$18,930	\$0
21039090	A	Sauces and preparations therefor, nesi	6.4%	GSP	\$7,953	\$0
39232100	A*	Sacks and bags (including cones) for the conveyance or packing of goods, of polymers of ethylene	3.0%	GSP	\$560	\$0
42023990	A	Articles of a kind normally carried in the pocket or handbag, with outer surface of vulcanized fiber or of paperboard	20.0%	GSP	\$2,333	\$0
44121431	A*	Plywood sheet n/o 6 mm thick, at least one outer ply of nonconiferous wood, with face ply nesi, not surfacecovered beyond clear/transparent	8.0%	GSP	\$27,283	\$0
44182080	A	Doors of wood, other than French doors	4.8%	GSP	\$38,770	\$0
46021018	A	Baskets and bags of vegetable material, nesi	4.5%	GSP	\$11,308	\$0
69139050	A	Ceramic (o/than porcelain, china or earthenware) ornamental articles, nesi	6.0%	GSP	\$5,200	\$0
82119220	A	Kitchen and butcher knives w/fixed blades, with rubber or plastics handles	0.8 cents each + 4.6%	GSP	\$2,145	\$0
85251070	A	Transmission apparatus for radio broadcasting	3.0%	GSP	\$4,911	\$0
85271950	A	Radiobroadcast receivers, capable of operation w/o external power, nesi	3.0%	GSP	\$15,138	\$0
TOTAL					\$59,380,082	\$52,808,096

The following chart indicates nearly \$1 million in GSP-eligible imports from Fiji for which the duty-free treatment was not claimed in 2005 and 2006 but may have been eligible based on whether the products met GSP rules of origin. The duty rates paid were as high as 10.9 percent.

HTS NUM	GSP Eligible	Description	MFN rate	IMPORT PROGRAM	YEAR 2005	YEAR 2006
22011000	A	Mineral waters and aerated waters, not containing added sugar or other sweetening matter nor flavored	0.26 cents/liter	No program claimed	\$41,127	\$897,545
22021000	A	Waters, including mineral waters and aerated waters, containing added sugar or other sweetening matter or flavored	0.2 cents/liter	No program claimed	\$0	\$18,526
44219097	A	Articles of wood, not elsewhere specified or included	3.3%	No program claimed	\$2,945	\$15,668
85269200	A	Radio remote control apparatus	4.9%	No program claimed	\$0	\$12,502
39231000	A	Boxes, cases, crates and similar articles for the conveyance or packing of goods, of plastics	3.0%	No program claimed	\$0	\$12,047
44209080	A	Wood marquetry and inlaid wood; wooden articles of furniture, nesoi	3.2%	No program claimed	\$0	\$8,843
85273900	A	Radiobroadcast receivers nesoi, including apparatus capable of receiving also radiotelephony or radiotelegraphy	3.0%	No program claimed	\$0	\$6,157
71131950	A*	Precious metal (o/than silver) articles of jewelry and parts thereof, whether or not plated or clad with precious metal, nesoi	5.5%	No program claimed	\$0	\$4,642
85044095	A	Static converters (for example, rectifiers), nesoi	1.5%	No program claimed	\$0	\$3,411
07141010	A*	Cassava (manioc), frozen, whether or not sliced or in the form of pellets	7.9%	No program claimed	\$2,592	\$0

08119010	A*	Bananas and plantains, frozen, in water or containing added sweetening	3.4%	No program claimed	\$9,655	\$0
08119052	A	Mangoes, frozen, whether or not previously steamed or boiled	10.9%	No program claimed	\$2,528	\$0
15159080	A	Fixed vegetable fats and oils and their fractions nesoi, whether or not refined, not chemically modified	3.2%	No program claimed	\$9,167	\$0
19059090	A	Bakers' wares communion wafers, empty capsules suitable for pharmaceutical use, sealing wafers, rice paper and similar products, nesi	4.5%	No program claimed	\$10,698	\$0
21069099	A	Food preparations not elsewhere specified or included, not canned or frozen	6.4%	No program claimed	\$3,026	\$0
22029090	A	Nonalcoholic beverages, nesi, not including fruit or vegetable juices of heading 2009	0.2 cents/liter	No program claimed	\$2,160	\$0
46021080	A	Basketwork and other articles, neosi, of vegetables materials, nesoi	2.3%	No program claimed	\$3,289	\$0
63079098	A	National flags and other made-up articles of textile materials, nesoi	7.0%	No program claimed	\$16,330	\$0
85271950	A	Radiobroadcast receivers, capable of operation w/o external power, nesi	3.0%	No program claimed	\$7,110	\$0
90329060	A	Parts and accessories for automatic regulating or controlling instruments and apparatus, nesi	1.7%	No program claimed	\$8,000	\$0
TOTALS					\$118,627	\$979,341

### Exports to other markets

Products already exported by Fiji to other markets that may qualify for GSP benefits if imported to the United States include cane sugar, water, root vegetables, molasses and ginger.

<b>Fiji: Leading* exports of U.S. GSP-eligible articles and U.S. imports</b>				
<b>Rank</b>	<b>HS number and brief description</b>	<b>Exports to the world (2005)</b>	<b>U.S. imports (2006)</b>	
			<b>Total</b>	<b>GSP</b>
		<b>In Thousands of dollars</b>		
1	1701.11 Raw cane sugar, in solid form	130,656.2		5,884.5
2	2201.90 Water, not sweetened	32,301.5		39,717.7
3	0714.90 Other vegetables with high starch content	11,581.6		0
4	1703.10 Molasses from sugar cane	5,976.0		4,213.6
5	0910.10 Ginger	3,896.0		282.3
6	8544.59 Insulated electrical conductors, 80-1,000 volts	1,412.5		0
7	0709.90 Other fresh vegetables	1,275.8		0
8	4412.22 Certain plywood, with at least one ply of tropical wood	1,225.5		1,771.2
9	1704.90 Sugar confectionary not containing chocolate	1,081.3		0
10	1604.15 Mackerel, not minced	783.5		0
11	7113.19 Jewelry of platinum or gold	756.8		0
12	3209.90 Other paints and varnishes in an aqueous medium	670.1		0
13	8526.92 Radio remote control apparatus	655.1		4.7
14	8529.10 Antennas for radio/tv	619.9		0
15	8507.10 Lead acid storage batteries of a kind for starting engines	529.0		0
16	3208.90 Other paints and varnishes in a nonaqueous medium	523.1		0
17	8463.90 Other machines for working metal	495.2		0
18	8445.90 Other machines for preparing textile fibers	451.7		0
19	4412.99 Certain plywood, with at least one ply of tropical wood	440.6		0
20	3402.90 Washing preparations not put up for retail sale	427.5		0
21	7326.90 Other articles of iron or steel	418.5		0
22	0711.90 Other provisionally preserved vegetables	400.3		0
23	3210.00 Other paints and varnishes of a kind for finishing leather	392.2		0
24	3402.20 Washing preparations put up for retail sale	369.6		0
25	8544.49 Other insulated electrical conductors, over 1,000 volts	312.5		0
	8424.89			

26	Other machines for spaying liquids	309.0		0
	4412.29			
27	Certain plywood, at least one ply of nonconiferous wood	242.5		65.6
	1901.90			
28	Other malt extract	227.8		0
	7113.11			0
29	Jewelry of silver	222.9		
	8506.10			
30	Primary cell batteries of manganese dioxide	171.4		0
	1704.10			
31	Chewing gum	152.4		0
	0710.90			
32	Frozen mixed vegetables, raw, steamed, or boiled	151.3		10.5
	1601.00			
33	Sausage	144.4		0
	0709.20			
34	Asparagus, fresh or chilled	136.1		0
	0709.30			
35	Eggplants, fresh or chilled	117.9		0
	8443.19			
36	Textile printing machines	117.1		0
	1517.90			
37	Other mixtures of animal fats	116.2		0
	3208.20			
38	Paints or varnishes, acrylic or vinyl, in non-aqueous med.	102.3		0
	8409.91			
39	Parts for spark ignition internal combustion engines	102.0		0
	3209.10			
40	Paints or varnishes, acrylic or vinyl, in aqueous medium	93.3		0
	8415.10			
41	Window air conditioners	92.4		0
	8415.20			
42	Other air conditioning machines	89.5		0
	8465.99			
43	Other machine tools for working wood, cork, bone, rubber	89.3		0
	7323.99			
44	Other household articles of iron or steel	72.2		0
	8480.49			
45	Other molds for metal or metal carbides	72.2		0
	4418.20			
46	Doors, frames, and thresholds, of wood	70.6		0
	8472.90			
47	Bank note dispensers	66.7		0
	0910.99			
48	Other spices	63.0		0
	8536.90			
49	Other apparatus for switching electrical circuits	62.0		0
	8531.80			
50	Other electrical signaling apparatus	61.9		0
*Top 50 export items.				
Sources: USITC DataWeb and Global Trade Atlas.				

## **Kiribati**

(Least-developed Beneficiary Developing Country)

Kiribati's exports in 2004 were \$17 million (est.). Main exports commodities included copra, coconuts, seaweed, and fish. Kiribati's major export partners in 2005 were the United States (22.8 percent), Belgium (21.5 percent), Japan (14.3 percent), Samoa (7.8 percent), Australia (7.5 percent), Malaysia (6.7 percent), Taiwan (5.6 percent), and Denmark (4.6 percent).

Kiribati imports in 2004 were \$62 million (est.). Major import commodities included foodstuffs, machinery and equipment, miscellaneous manufactured goods, and fuel. Kiribati's major import partners in 2005 were: Australia (33 percent), Fiji (27.1 percent), Japan (18.1 percent), and New Zealand (6.9 percent).

### **GSP usage and eligibility**

There were no U.S. imports from Kiribati under GSP during 2005 or 2006. Kiribati is a least-developed beneficiary developing country (LDBDC) under the GSP program so is eligible to export over 1400 additional items under GSP. The following chart indicates a GSP-eligible import for which duty-free treatment was not claimed in 2006 but may have been eligible, based on whether the product met GSP rules of origin. The duty rate paid was 2.0 percent.

<b>HTS NUM</b>	<b>GSP Eligible</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>MFN rate</b>	<b>IMPORT PROGRAM</b>	<b>YEAR 2005</b>	<b>YEAR 2006</b>
84818090	A*	Taps, cocks, valves & similar appliances for pipes, boiler shells, tanks, vats or the like, other than hand operated, nesi	2.0%	No program claimed	0	\$38,424

### **Exports to other markets**

Products already exported from Kiribati to other markets that may qualify for GSP benefits if imported to the United States include skipjack tuna, ferrosilicon manganese; yellow fin tuna, ornamental live fish, copra, cement products, ried mushrooms and aluminum products.

## Marshall Islands

Marshall Islands exports were \$9.1 million in 2000. Major export commodities were copra cake, coconut oil, handicrafts, and fish. Marshall Islands major export partners in 2004 were the United States, Japan, Australia, and China.

Marshall Islands imports in 2000 were \$54.7 million. Major import commodities included foodstuffs, machinery and equipment, fuels, beverages and tobacco. Marshall Islands major import partners in 2004 were the United States, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, Fiji, China, and Philippines.

### FAS usage and eligibility

The following chart shows imports into the United States from the Marshall Islands under the FAS agreement:

**All Import Commodities: Customs Value by Customs Value  
For -- For Marshall Is U.S. Imports For Consumption Annual Data**

HTS Number	2005	2006	Percent Change 2005 - 2006
	<i>In Actual Dollars</i>		
22084060 Rum and tafia, in containers each holding over 4 liters, valued not over \$0.69/proof liter	0	86,841	N/A
03023200 Yellowfin tunas, fresh or chilled, excluding fillets, other meat portions, livers and roes	50,062	10,127	-79.8%
03011000 Live ornamental fish	0	2,316	N/A
03041040 Fillets and other meat portions of other fish nesi, fresh or chilled	4,962	0	-100.0%
84733050 Parts and accessories of the ADP machines of heading 8471, not incorporating a CRT, nesi	21,700	0	-100.0%
84717040 ADP magnetic disk drive storage units, disk dia. n/ov 21 cm, not in cabinet, w/o attached external power sup ply, n/entered w/rest of a system	430,920	0	-100.0%
23099010 Mixed feed or mixed feed ingredients used in animal feeding	86,298	0	-100.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>593,942</b>	<b>99,284</b>	<b>-83.3%</b>

Sources: Data on this site have been compiled from tariff and trade data from the U.S. Department of Commerce and the U.S. International Trade Commission.

### Exports to other markets

Products that the Marshall Islands export to other markets which may be FAS-eligible or otherwise free of duty if imported into the United States include various types of fish and fish products, coral, rum and tafia, parts and accessories for ADP machine, eye make-up preparations, and coffee.

## Federated States of Micronesia

Exports: \$14 million (2004 est.)

Exports - commodities: fish, garments, bananas, black pepper, sakau (kava), betel nut

Exports - partners: Japan, United States, Guam (2004)

Imports: \$132.7 million (2004)

Imports - commodities: food, manufactured goods, machinery and equipment, beverages

Imports - partners: United States, Japan, Hong Kong (2004)

### FAS usage and eligibility

The following chart shows imports into the United States from Micronesia under the FAS agreement:

**All Import Commodities: Customs Value by Customs Value**  
**For -- Marshall Islands For F St Micronesia U.S. Imports For Consumption Annual Data**

HTS Number	2005	2006	Percent Change 2005 - 2006
	<i>In Actual Dollars</i>		
46021080 Basketwork and other articles, neosi, of vegetables materials, nesoi	97,794	127,886	30.8%
08119080 Fruit, nesi, frozen, whether or not previously steamed or boiled	0	6,600	N/A
03023200 Yellowfin tunas, fresh or chilled, excluding fillets, other meat portions, livers and roes	0	2,274	N/A
<b>Total</b>	<b>97,794</b>	<b>134,760</b>	<b>37.8%</b>

Sources: Data on this site have been compiled from tariff and trade data from the U.S. Department of Commerce and the U.S. International Trade Commission.

### Exports to other markets

Products that Micronesia exports to other markets which may be GSP-eligible or otherwise free of duty if imported into the United States include big eye tuna, mollusks, fish fillets, aluminum waste and scrap, Basketwork/wickerwork and other articles of vegetable materials; copper waste and scrap; yellow fin tunas, coral, frozen fruit juice, measuring or checking instruments and machines, and cultured pearls.

**Nauru**  
**(not currently a GSP beneficiary)**

In 2005, Nauru exported \$64,000 of phosphates. Major export partners were South Africa (63.7 percent), South Korea (7.6 percent) and Canada (6.6 percent).

Nauru's imports in 2004 were \$20 million (est.) of commodities such as food, fuel, manufactures, building materials, and machinery. Major import partners were South Korea (43.8 percent), Australia (36.2 percent), United States (5.9 percent), and Germany (4.3 percent).

**GSP usage and eligibility**

Nauru graduated from the GSP program in 1988, based on its gross national income per capita entering the "high-income" threshold, as determined by the World Bank. It appears that Nauru, based on current data, could be redesignated as a GSP beneficiary. If this were to occur, the following chart indicates GSP-eligible imports that may be eligible, if the products met GSP rules of origin. The duty rates paid were as high as 4.7 percent.

<b>HTS NUM</b>	<b>GSP Eligible</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>MFN rate</b>	<b>IMPORT PROGRAM</b>	<b>YEAR 2005</b>	<b>YEAR 2006</b>
72021950	A	Ferromanganese containing by weight more than 1 percent but not more than 2 percent of carbon	1.4%	No program claimed	\$0	\$68,470
85369080	A*	Electrical apparatus nesi, for switching or making connections to or in electrical circuits, for a voltage not exceeding 1,000 V, nesoi	2.7%	No program claimed	\$0	\$13,800
85044095	A	Static converters (for example, rectifiers), nesoi	1.5%	No program claimed	\$0	\$9,926
85364100	A	Relays for switching, protecting or making connections to or in electrical circuits, for a voltage not exceeding 60 V	2.7%	No program claimed	\$7,034	\$4,731
40169350	A	Gaskets, washers and other seals, of noncellular vulcanized rubber other than hard rubber	2.5%	No program claimed	\$0	\$3,683
87089980	A*	Pts. & access., nesoi, of motor vehicles of 8701, nesoi, and 8702-8705	2.5%	No program claimed	\$0	\$2,580
94051080	A	Chandeliers and other electric ceiling or wall lighting fixtures (o/than used for public spaces), not of base metal	3.9%	No program claimed	\$0	\$2,542
84669250	A	Parts and accessories nesi, for machines of heading 8465	4.7%	No program claimed	\$0	\$2,456
90109090	A	Parts & accessories for apparatus & equipment for photographic (incl. cinematographic) labs, nesoi, negatoscopes, & projection screens	2.9%	No program claimed	\$0	\$2,082
62131010	A	Handkerchiefs, not knitted or crocheted, containing 70% or more by weight of silk or silk waste	1.1%	No program claimed	\$0	\$1,062

40129090	A	Interchangeable tire treads and tire flaps, of rubber other than natural rubber, except bicycle rim strips, nesoi	2.7%	No program claimed	\$0	\$348
59061000	A	Rubberized textile fabric adhesive tape of a width not exceeding 20 cm (other than fabric of heading 5902)	2.9%	No program claimed	\$648	\$0
84672100	A	Electromechanical drills of all kinds for working in the hand, with self-contained electric motor	1.7%	No program claimed	\$18,690	\$0
TOTALS					26,372	111,680

### Exports to other markets

Products already exported from Nauru to other markets that may qualify for GSP benefits if imported to the United States include natural calcium phosphate and aluminum calcium chalk; auxiliary machinery for knitting, embroidery and lace-making machinery; unwrought nickel; frozen fish livers and roe; parts and accessories for motor vehicles; ferromanganese; air/gas compressor, pump and fan parts; natural rubber; non-coniferous wood; frozen chicken parts; parts and accessories for ADP machines and mechanical front-end shovel loaders.

## Niue

Exports: \$201,400 (2004)

Exports - commodities: canned coconut cream, copra, honey, vanilla, passion fruit products, pawpaws, root crops, limes, footballs, stamps, handicrafts

Exports - partners: New Zealand mainly, Fiji, Cook Islands, Australia (2004)

Imports: \$9.038 million (2004)

Imports - commodities: food, live animals, manufactured goods, machinery, fuels, lubricants, chemicals, drugs

Imports - partners: New Zealand, Fiji, Japan, Samoa, Australia, US (2004)

### **GSP usage and eligibility**

The following chart indicates one U.S. import from Niue, which entered duty-free under GSP in 2006. There was one other import from Niue for which duty-free treatment was not claimed in 2005, but may have been eligible based on whether the product met GSP rules of origin.

<b>HTS NUM</b>	<b>GSP Eligible</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>MFN rate</b>	<b>IMPORT PROGRAM</b>	<b>YEAR 2005</b>	<b>YEAR 2006</b>
34021140	A	Anionic, aromatic or modified aromatic organic surface-active agents, whether or not put up for retail sale, nesoi	4.0%	GSP	\$0	\$50,734
39172900	A	Tubes, pipes and hoses, rigid, of other plastics nesoi	3.1%	No program claimed	\$4,257	\$0

### **Exports to other markets**

Products that Niue exports to other markets which may be GSP-eligible or otherwise free of duty if imported into the United States include products and residuals of chemical industry, organic surface-active agents (other than soap), toothed wheels and chain sprockets, gears and gear boxes, toys and models with a motor, parts and accessories for ADP machines, parts of electric sound or visual signaling apparatus, silver jewelry and parts thereof.

## Palau

Exports: \$5.882 million (2004 est.)

Exports - commodities: shellfish, tuna, copra, garments

Exports - partners: US, Japan, Singapore (2004)

Imports: \$107.3 million (2004 est.)

Imports - commodities: machinery and equipment, fuels, metals; foodstuffs

Imports - partners: US, Singapore, Japan, South Korea (2004)

### **FAS usage and eligibility**

The following chart shows imports into the United States from Palau under the FAS agreement:

**All Import Commodities: Customs Value by Customs Value**  
For -- Marshall Islands For Palau U.S. Imports For Consumption Annual Data

HTS Number	2005	2006	Percent Change 2005 - 2006
	<i>In Actual Dollars</i>		
03023400 Bigeye tunas (Thunnus obesus), fresh or chilled, excluding fillets, other meat portions, livers and roes	0	2,428	N/A
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,428</b>	<b>%</b>

Sources: Data on this site have been compiled from tariff and trade data from the U.S. Department of Commerce and the U.S. International Trade Commission.

### **Exports to other markets**

Products that Palau exports to other markets which may be GSP-eligible or otherwise free of duty if imported into the United States include big eye tuna, special purpose vehicles, ornamental live fish, frozen fish fillets, yellow fin tuna, nails, tacks, drawing pins, etc., of iron or steel; multiply clay coated paper/paperboard, copper waste and scrap, spark-ignition internal combustion piston engine parts, copper waste and scrap, ferrous waste and scrap, coral, and aluminum waste and scrap.

## Papua New Guinea

Exports: \$4.096 billion (2006 est.)

Exports - commodities: oil, gold, copper ore, logs, palm oil, coffee, cocoa, crayfish, prawns

Exports - partners: Australia 28.8 percent, Japan 8.6 percent, China 5.4 percent (2005)

Imports: \$1.686 billion (2006 est.)

Imports - commodities: machinery and transport equipment, manufactured goods, food, fuels, chemicals

Imports - partners: Australia 54.7 percent, Singapore 13.4 percent, Japan 4.3 percent, Malaysia 4.2 percent (2005)

### GSP usage and eligibility

The following chart shows U.S. imports from Papua New Guinea that entered duty-free under GSP in 2005 and 2006:

HTS NUM	GSP Eligible	Description	MFN rate	IMPORT PROGRAM	YEAR 2005	YEAR 2006
17011110	A*	Cane sugar, raw, in solid form, w/o added flavoring or coloring, subject to add. US 5 to Ch.17	1.4606 cents/kg less 0.020668 cents/kg for each degree under 100 degrees (and fractions of a degree in proportion) but not less than 0.943854 cents/kg	GSP	\$2,766,358	\$2,860,719
44201000	A	Wooden statuettes and other wood ornaments	3.2%	GSP	\$33,384	\$41,544
44182080	A	Doors of wood, other than French doors	4.8%	GSP	\$12,671	\$0
44219097	A	Articles of wood, not elsewhere specified or included	3.3%	GSP	\$9,358	\$0
68010000	A	Setts, curbstones and flagstones, of natural stone (except slate)	2.8%	GSP	\$4,000	\$0
84779025	A	Base, bed, platen and specified parts of machinery for working rubber or plastics or for manufacture of products from these material, nesoi	3.1%	GSP	\$62,957	\$0
TOTALS					\$2,888,728	\$2,912,279

The following chart indicates more than \$26,000 in GSP-eligible imports for which the duty-free treatment was not claimed in 2005 or 2006 but may have been eligible based on whether the products met GSP rules of origin. The duty rates paid were as high as 4 percent.

HTS NUM	GSP Eligible	Description	MFN rate	IMPORT PROGRAM	YEAR 2005	YEAR 2006
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44201000	A	Wooden statuettes and other wood ornaments	3.2%	No program claimed	\$11,376	\$15,053
44209080	A	Wood marquetry and inlaid wood; wooden articles of furniture, nesi	3.2%	No program claimed	\$0	\$6,000
44219097	A	Articles of wood, not elsewhere specified or included	3.3%	No program claimed	\$5,617	\$3,404
42023130	A	Articles of a kind normally carried in the pocket or handbag, with outer surface of reptile leather	3.7%	No program claimed	\$0	\$900
42033000	A	Belts and bandoliers with or without buckles, of leather or of composition leather	2.7%	No program claimed	\$0	\$460
40111010	A*	New pneumatic radial tires, of rubber, of a kind used on motor cars (including station wagons and racing cars)	4.0%	No program claimed	\$0	\$300
TOTALS					\$16,993	\$26,117

### Exports to Other Markets

Products that Papua New Guinea exports to other markets which may be GSP-eligible or otherwise free of duty if imported into the United States include: copper ores and concentrates, coffee, cocoa beans, non-coniferous wood, tropical wood plywood, palm oil, cane sugar, copra, antiques over 100 years old, vanilla beans and aluminum waste and scrap.

**Samoa**  
(LCBDC)

Exports: \$94 million (2004 est.)

Exports - commodities: fish, coconut oil and cream, copra, taro, automotive parts, garments, beer

Exports - partners: Australia 75.9 percent, American Samoa 13.6 percent, US 6.5 percent (2005)

Imports: \$285 million (2004 est.)

Imports - commodities: machinery and equipment, industrial supplies, foodstuffs

Imports - partners: New Zealand 31 percent, Australia 22.6 percent, US 13.5 percent, Japan 7.5 percent, Fiji 6 percent, China 4.6 percent (2005)

**GSP usage and eligibility**

Samoa is a least-developed beneficiary developing country (LDBDC) under the GSP program so is eligible to export over 1400 additional items under GSP. The following chart shows U.S. imports which entered duty-free under GSP in 2005 and 2006:

HTS NUM	GSP Eligible	Description	MFN rate	IMPORT PROGRAM	YEAR 2005	YEAR 2006
20098060	A	Juice of any other single fruit, nesi, (including cherries and berries), concentrated or not concentrated	0.5 cents/liter	GSP	\$3,203,015	\$1,134,900
11063040	A	Fruit and nut flour, meal and powder of the products of chapter 8, other than of banana and plantain	9.6%	GSP	\$143,415	\$99,600
87169050	A*	Parts of trailers and semi-trailers and vehicles, not mechanically propelled, nesoi	3.1%	GSP	\$0	\$18,135
82055980	A	Base metal, nesoi, handtools (o/than household), and base metal parts thereof	3.7%	GSP	\$0	\$2,534
84615080	A	Sawing or cutting-off machines for working by removing metal or cermets, other than numerically controlled	4.4%	GSP	\$21,000	\$0
84622980	A	Bending, folding, straightening or flattening machine (including presses) not numerically controlled for working metal/metal carbides, nesoi	4.4%	GSP	\$12,600	\$0
85182980	A	Loudspeakers nesoi, not mounted in their enclosures, nesoi	4.9%	GSP	\$11,374	\$0

85442000	A	Insulated (including enameled or anodized) coaxial cable and other coaxial conductors	5.3%	GSP	\$18,400	\$0
39231000	A	Boxes, cases, crates and similar articles for the conveyance or packing of goods, of plastics	3.0%	GSP	\$10,260	\$0
<b>TOTALS</b>					\$3,420,064	\$1,255,169

The following chart indicates GSP-eligible imports for which the duty-free treatment was not claimed in 2005 or 2006 but may have been eligible based on whether the products met GSP rules of origin. The duty rates paid were as high as 9.6 percent.

<b>HTS NUM</b>	<b>GSP Eligible</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>MFN rate</b>	<b>IMPORT PROGRAM</b>	<b>YEAR 2005</b>	<b>YEAR 2006</b>
08134090	A+	Fruit nesi, dried, other than that of headings 0801 to 0806, and excluding mixtures	2.5%	No program claimed	\$496,111	\$235,092
20098060	A	Juice of any other single fruit, nesi, (including cherries and berries), concentrated or not concentrated	0.5 cents/liter	No program claimed	\$29,700	\$123,570
39239000	A*	Articles nesoi, for the conveyance or packing of goods, of plastics	3.0%	No program claimed	\$63,395	\$52,852
39231000	A	Boxes, cases, crates and similar articles for the conveyance or packing of goods, of plastics	3.0%	No program claimed	\$0	\$26,426
73262000	A	Iron or steel, articles of wire, nesoi	3.9%	No program claimed	\$0	\$4,481
83099000	A	Base metal stoppers, caps and lids (o/than crown corks), threaded bungs, bung covers, seals, other packing accessories and parts	2.6%	No program claimed	\$0	\$4,444
85443000	A*	Insulated ignition wiring sets and other wiring sets of a kind used in vehicles, aircraft or ships	5.0%	No program claimed	\$0	\$2,058
90049000	A	Spectacles, goggles and the like, corrective, protective or other, other than sunglasses	2.5%	No program claimed	\$86,928	\$0

87089980	A*	Pts. & access., nesoi, of motor vehicles of 8701, nesoi, and 8702-8705	2.5%	No program claimed	\$17,024	\$0
70139990	A+	Glassware for toilet/office/indoor decor. or similar purposes, nesoi, n/cut or engraved, valued over \$5 each	7.2%	No program claimed	\$7,700	\$0
<b>TOTALS</b>					\$700,858	\$455,859

## Exports to other markets

Products that Samoa exports to other markets which may be GSP-eligible or otherwise free of duty if imported into the United States include wiring harnesses, fruits, vegetables and juices and articles of iron and steel.

<b>Samoa : Leading* exports of U.S. GSP-eligible articles and U.S. imports</b>				
Rank	HS number and brief description	Exports to the world (2004)	U.S. imports (2006)	
			Total	GSP
In Thousands of dollars				
1	8544.30 Wiring harnesses for motor vehicles	59,918.2		0
2	2009.80 Other fruit juices	2,063.1		1,134.9
3	7326.90 Other articles of iron or steel	1,268.2		0
4	0714.90 Other roots and tubers high in starch	873.1		0
5	0302.69 Other fish, scaled and in containers	381.8		0
6	2009.39 Juices of other citrus fruit	309.3		0
7	2202.10 Water, sweetened or flavored	268.1		0
8	2008.99 Other fruits, nuts, and edible parts of plants	169.9		0
9	0810.09 Other fresh fruit	165.4		0
10	0805.90 Other citrus fruit	161.8		0
11	2402.20 Cigarettes	94.8		0
12	1602.50 Other prepared bovine meat	62.2		0
13	8459.69 Other machines for working metal, not numerically controlled	54.9		0
14	3402.90 Washing preparations not put up for retail sale	54.4		0
15	4601.20 Mats and matting of vegetable materials	52.7		0
16	0807.20 Papayas	50.8		0
17	0813.40 Other fruit, dried	45.3		0
	6911.10			

18	Household articles of porcelain or china	35.1		0
19	8903.99 Other boats	32.4		0
20	0811.90 Other fruit and nuts, frozen	28.7		0
21	1602.90 Prepared meat of other animals	26.3		0
22	1701.11 Raw cane sugar, in solid form	22.6		0
23	3923.29 Other plastics sacks and bags	19.2		0
24	3926.90 Other articles of plastics	18.8		0
25	3923.10 Boxes, cases, and crates of plastics	18.7		0
26	3213.90 Artists colors, not in sets	18.0		0
27	1212.99 Sugar cane for human consumption	16.9		0
28	1905.90 Other bread and pastry	15.9		0
29	1701.91 Other sugar containing added flavoring or coloring	15.0		0
30	0714.20 Sweet potatoes	15.0		0
31	0407.00 Bird eggs	13.3		0
32	2811.21 Carbon dioxide	12.1		0
33	2306.90 Oilcakes of other vegetables	11.8		0
34	2008.19 Other nuts	10.8		0
35	2851.00 Other inorganic compounds	10.7		0
36	2001.90 Other fruits and vegetables prepared with vinegar	10.4		0
37	7610.10 Doors, windows, and frames of aluminum	7.7		0
38	2103.90 Other sauces and seasonings	7.5		0
39	8414.40 Air compressors	7.4		0
40	1805.00 Cocoa powder, not sweetened	7.3		0
41	3923.50 Other articles of plastic for packing/transporting goods	7.2		0
42	0709.09 Other fresh vegetables	6.9		0
43	2103.20 Tomato ketchup and sauces	6.1		0
44	8503.00 Parts for motors and generators	5.8		0
45	7606.92 Aluminum alloy plates, sheets, strips, not rectangular	5.3		0
46	9207.90 Amplified musical instruments, except keyboard, guitar	5.2		0
47	0709.30 Fresh or chilled eggplants	4.7		0
	2004.90			

48	Other vegetables, frozen	4.1		0
	8414.51			
49	Electric fans	4.1		0
	9207.10			
50	Amplified electric keyboards	3.9		0
*Top 50 export items.				
Sources: USITC DataWeb and Global Trade Atlas.				

## Solomon Islands

Exports: \$171 million (2004 est.)

Exports - commodities: timber, fish, copra, palm oil, cocoa

Exports - partners: China 41.6 percent, South Korea 13.5 percent, Thailand 7 percent, Japan 6.4 percent, Philippines 4.6 percent, Italy 4.2 percent (2005)

Imports: \$159 million. (2004 est.)

Imports - commodities: food, plant and equipment, manufactured goods, fuels, chemicals

Imports - partners: Australia 26.2 percent, Singapore 25.7 percent, New Zealand 4.7 percent, Fiji 4.2 percent, Papua New Guinea 4.1 percent (2005)

### **GSP usage and eligibility**

The following chart shows one U.S. import which entered duty-free under GSP in 2006 and one GSP-eligible import for which duty free treatment was not claimed in 2006, but may have been eligible based on whether the product met GSP rules of origin.

<b>HTS NUM</b>	<b>GSP Eligible</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>MFN rate</b>	<b>IMPORT PROGRAM</b>	<b>YEAR 2005</b>	<b>YEAR 2006</b>
71081370	A	Gold (including gold plated with platinum), nonmonetary, in semimanufactured forms (except gold leaf), nesoi	4.1%	No program claimed	\$0	\$92,297
68029900	A	Monumental or building stone & arts. thereof, nesoi, further worked than simply cut/sawn, nesoi	6.5%	GSP	\$0	\$3,250
<b>TOTALS</b>						<b>\$95,547</b>

### **Exports to other markets**

Products that the Solomon Islands export to other markets which may be GSP-eligible or otherwise free of duty if imported into the United States include: non-coniferous wood, collectors items of botanical history and interest; mechanical shovels, excavators and loaders; ornamental live fish, other tropical wood, gears, ball or roller screws and gear boxes; plywood and veneer panels, copra, medicaments in measured doses, dried fish, non-monetary gold, flat rolled alloy steel, and antiques over 100 years old.

## Tonga

Exports: \$34 million. (2004 est)

Exports - commodities: squash, fish, vanilla beans, root crops

Exports - partners: Japan 41.8 percent, US 33.4 percent, New Zealand 6.3 percent (2005)

Imports: \$122 million. (2004 est.)

Imports - commodities: foodstuffs, machinery and transport equipment, fuels, chemicals

Imports - partners: New Zealand 33.4 percent, Fiji 26.6 percent, Australia 10.5 percent, US 8.4 percent (2005)

### **GSP usage and eligibility**

The following chart shows U.S. imports which entered duty-free under GSP in 2005 and 2006:

<b>HTS NUM</b>	<b>GSP Eligible</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>MFN rate</b>	<b>IMPORT PROGRAM</b>	<b>YEAR 2005</b>	<b>YEAR 2006</b>
07149020	A	Fresh or chilled yams, whether or not sliced or in the form of pellets	6.4%	GSP	\$59,465	\$58,661
07141010	A*	Cassava (manioc), frozen, whether or not sliced or in the form of pellets	7.9%	GSP	\$89,850	\$38,838
46021080	A	Basketwork and other articles, neosi, of vegetables materials, nesoi	2.3%	GSP	\$18,715	\$34,739
07149010	A	Fresh or chilled dasheens, whether or not sliced or in the form of pellets	2.3%	GSP	\$0	\$19,622
21069099	A	Food preparations not elsewhere specified or included, not canned or frozen	6.4%	GSP	\$0	\$6,768
07149045	A*	Frozen dasheens/yams/arrowroot/salep/Jerusalem artichokes/similar roots & tubers (but not cassava, sweet potatoes & Chinese water chestnuts)	6.0%	GSP	\$0	\$4,500
63079098	A	National flags and other made-up articles of textile materials, nesoi	7.0%	GSP	\$0	\$984
07141020	A*	Cassava (manioc), fresh, chilled or dried, whether or not sliced or in the form of pellets	11.3%	GSP	\$26,154	\$0
39232900	A	Sacks and bags (including cones) for the conveyance or packing of goods, of plastics other than polymers of ethylene	3.0%	GSP	\$2,800	\$0
<b>TOTALS</b>					<b>\$196,984</b>	<b>\$164,112</b>

The following chart indicates GSP-eligible imports for which the duty-free treatment was not claimed in 2005 or 2006 but may have been eligible based on whether the products met GSP rules of origin. The duty rates paid were as high as 7.9 percent.

HTS NUM	GSP Eligible	Description	MFN rate	IMPORT PROGRAM	YEAR 2005	YEAR 2006
84669395	A	Other parts and accessories for machines of heading 8456 to 8461, nesoi	4.7%	No program claimed	\$0	\$114,023
29157000	A*	Palmitic acid, stearic acid, their salts and esters	5.0%	No program claimed	\$0	\$25,046
07142020	A*	Sweet potatoes, fresh, chilled or dried, whether or not sliced or in the form of pellets	4.5%	No program claimed	\$0	\$2,700
07141010	A*	Cassava (manioc), frozen, whether or not sliced or in the form of pellets	7.9%	No program claimed	\$5,505	\$0
TOTALS					\$5,505	\$141,769

### Exports to Other Markets

Products that Tonga exports to other markets which may be GSP-eligible or otherwise free of duty if imported into the United States include: coral; fresh or chilled vegetables, nesoi; fresh or chilled fish with bones, nesoi; ornamental live fish; yellow fin tuna; antiques over 100 years old; drill machinery for working wood, cork or bone; big eyed tuna; frozen fish fillets; parts and accessories for ADP machines; parts and accessories for machine tools; roots and tubers, nesoi; fruit juice.

**Tuvalu**  
(LDBDC)

Exports: \$1 million (2004 est.)

Exports - commodities: copra, fish

Exports - partners: Germany 60.5 percent, Italy 20.1 percent, Fiji 6.9 percent (2005)

Imports: \$9.186 million (2004 est.)

Imports - commodities: food, animals, mineral fuels, machinery, manufactured goods

Imports - partners: Fiji 46.1 percent, Japan 18.9 percent, China 18.2 percent, Australia 7.7 percent, New Zealand 4.1 percent (2005).

**GSP usage and eligibility**

Tuvalu is a least-developed beneficiary developing country (LDBDC) under the GSP program so is eligible to export over 1400 additional items under GSP.

The following chart indicates GSP-eligible imports for which the duty-free treatment was not claimed in 2005 or 2006 but may have been eligible based on whether the products met GSP rules of origin. The duty rates paid were as high as 11 percent.

HTS NUM	GSP Eligible	Description	MFN rate	IMPORT PROGRAM	YEAR 2005	YEAR 2006
87120015	A+	Bicycles, not motorized, w/both wheels not over 63.5 cm in diameter	11.0%	No program claimed	\$34,894	\$0
84159080	A	Parts for air conditioning machines, nesi	1.4%	No program claimed	\$6,364	\$0
84779085	A	Parts of machinery for working rubber or plastics or for the manufacture of products from these materials, nesoi	3.1%	No program claimed	\$4,483	\$0
TOTALS					\$45,741	\$0

**Exports to other markets**

Products that Tuvalu exports to other markets which may be GSP-eligible or otherwise free of duty if imported into the United States include: black tea; unused postage, check forms, banknotes, etc.; packing or wrapping machinery; telecom apparatus and digital systems; cameras; printed circuits; aluminum alloy bars and rods; rubber gloves and other rubber articles.

**Vanuatu**  
(LDBDC)

Exports: \$34.11 million (2004 est.)

Exports - commodities: copra, beef, cocoa, timber, kava, coffee

Exports - partners: Thailand 46.5 percent, India 14.1 percent, Poland 7.9 percent, Turkey 7.7 percent, Japan 6.9 percent (2005)

Imports: \$117.1 million (2004 est.)

Imports - commodities: machinery and equipment, foodstuffs, fuels

Imports - partners: Australia 18.4 percent, Japan 16.6 percent, Singapore 14.7 percent, Poland 8.5 percent, New Zealand 7.2 percent, Fiji 6.3 percent (2005)

**GSP usage and eligibility**

Vanuatu is a least-developed beneficiary developing country (LDBDC) under the GSP program so is eligible to export over 1400 additional items under GSP.

The following chart shows U.S. imports which entered duty-free under GSP in 2005 and 2006. The chart indicates that GSP benefits were claimed for all GSP-eligible imports from Vanuatu.

HTS NUM	GSP Eligible	Description	MFN rate	IMPORT PROGRAM	YEAR 2005	YEAR 2006
21069099	A	Food preparations not elsewhere specified or included, not canned or frozen	6.4%	GSP	\$15,000	\$81,000
44189045	A	Builders' joinery and carpentry of wood, including cellular wood panels, nesoi	3.2%	GSP	\$34,564	\$0
44201000	A	Wooden statuettes and other wood ornaments	3.2%	GSP	\$0	\$3,872

**Exports to other markets**

Products that the Vanuatu exports to other markets which may be GSP-eligible or otherwise free of duty if imported into the United States include: copra; buttons, molds and other parts of buttons; antiques over 100 years old; ornamental live fish; instruments and appliances for medical, dental and veterinary use; essential oils; seeds, fruits and sprouts used for sowing; big eyed tuna; fish fats and oils; alloy steel waste and scrap, mollusks and coral.