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SUBJECT: LAUNCH OF UK GOVERNMENT'S CONSULTATION ON IT'S GSP TRADE SCHEME

The UK's GSP trade scheme is a broad replication of the EU's GSP to ensure consistency and smooth transition for the developing countries. The UK is committed to improving its scheme to further support trade and development and to take account of the views of all sectors of society and international stakeholders.

The British Government has therefore launched an eight-week public consultation on UK's future tariff schedule and policies in relation to GSP. The consultations can be accessed at <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/designing-the-uk-trade-preferences-scheme-for-developing-nations>. It will close on 12th September 2021.

The Consultation offers respondents the opportunity to provide views on:


1. Simplifying rules of origin requirements for Least Developed Countries;
2. A potential series of amendments to reduce tariffs for low-income and lower middle-income countries;
3. Potential amendments to the approach to goods graduation, which suspends preferential rates on particular goods from certain countries on the basis of their competitiveness;
4. Potential amendments to the conditions and reporting requirements that enable a low or lower-middle income country to benefit from more generous provisions through the values-based incentivized arrangement, and potential simplification of the conditions that could lead to variation or suspension of preferences for any beneficiary country.

The UK looks forward to receiving online responses to the consultation. In this regard, various stakeholders in Pakistan are invited to take part in this consultation process. This is an opportune moment for Pakistan to safeguard its interests and it is therefore strongly suggested that all stakeholders take advantage of this opportunity by filling out the form. However, the form is quite technical in nature and requires sound understanding of the GSP rules. In order to help your organization fill this form, TDAP has nominated following officers who can assist with technicalities in the form:

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Your organization is requested to nominate a focal person with whom TDAP may liaise or vice versa for this purpose. The name of the focal person may be intimated to the undersigned.

Yours sincerely,



5/10/21

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Dy. Director (IMDD-I)

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- Director General, TDAP, Lahore.
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- Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FPCCI)
- Pakistan Business Council
- Karachi Chamber of Commerce & Industry
- Lahore Chamber of Commerce & Industry
- Sialkot Chamber of Commerce & Industry
- Faisalabad Chamber of Commerce & Industry
- Pakistan Readymade Garments Manufacturers and Exporters Association (PRGMEA)
- Pakistan Hosiery Manufacturers & Exporters Association (PHMA)
- Pakistan Knitwear & Sweater Exporters Association (PKSEA)
- Towel Manufacturers' Association (TMA)
- Pakistan Bedwear Exporters Association (PBEA)
- Pakistan Tanners Association (PTA)
- Pakistan Leather Garments Manufacturers & Exporters Association (PLGMEA)
- The Surgical Instruments Manufacturers Association of Pakistan (SIMAP)