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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

ANNEX

ANNEX I

Beneficiary countries[(3)] 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				
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		