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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 978/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 applying a scheme of generalised tariff preferences and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 732/2008[(1)], and in particular Article 8(2) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) In accordance with Regulation (EU) No 978/2012 the tariff preferences of the general arrangement of the Generalised Scheme of Preferences (GSP) are to be suspended in respect of products of a GSP section originating in a GSP beneficiary country when the average value of Union imports of such products over three consecutive years from that GSP beneficiary country exceeds the thresholds listed in Annex VI of that Regulation.

(2) Prior to the application of the tariff preferences under the general arrangement, a list of GSP sections for which the tariff preferences are suspended in respect of the GSP beneficiary countries concerned should be established by the Commission. The list should be based on data available on 1 September 2012 and of the two preceding years.

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The list of products of GSP sections for which the tariff preferences referred to in Article 7 of Regulation (EU) No 978/2012 are suspended in respect of the GSP beneficiary countries concerned is established 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 2014 until 31 December 2016.

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

Done at Brussels, 17 December 2012.

For the Commission

The President

José Manuel BARROSO

***Changes to legislation:** There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1213/2012. (See end of Document for details)*

ANNEX

The list of GSP sections for which the tariff preferences referred to in Article 7 of Regulation (EU) No 978/2012 are suspended in respect of a GSP beneficiary country concerned.

Column A : name of country
Column B : GSP section (Article 2(j) of GSP Regulation)
Column C : description

A	**B**	**C**
China	S-1a	Live animals and animal products excluding fish
	S-1b	Fish, crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates
	S-2b	Vegetables, fruit and nuts
	S-2c	Coffee, tea, mate and spices
	S-2d	Cereals, flour, seeds and resins
	S-4b	Prepared foodstuffs (excl. meat and fish), beverages, spirits and vinegar
	S-6a	Inorganic and organic chemicals
	S-6b	Chemicals, other than organic and inorganic chemicals
	S-7a	Plastics
	S-7b	Rubber
	S-8a	Raw hides and skins and leather
	S-8b	Articles of leather and furskins
	S-9a	Wood and wood charcoal
	S-9b	Cork manufactures of straw and other plaiting materials
	S-11a	Textiles
	S-11b	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories
	S-12a	Footwear
	S-12b	Headgear, umbrellas, sun umbrellas, sticks, whips and prepared feathers and down