

Attention: GSP (Generalized System of Preference) application

Japan applies reduced tariffs to designated import products originating from developing countries/territories under its GSP (Generalized System of Preferences) scheme, aiming to help them increase export income, advance industrialization and promote economic development. Ethiopia has been classified as beneficiary of special preferential treatment for LDCs.

In order for any products to be eligible for the preferential tariff treatment, in principle a “Combined Declaration and Certificate of Origin (Form A)” issued by the beneficiary should be needed.

This time, we have been informed by Ethiopian Government on the fact that Ethiopia has been a change in the stamp for the FormA, due to the change of name of Organization who issues the FormA. The new stamp will begin to be used from January 1st 2019.

However, their request has not been accepted by Japanese side, because of defect of documents. In this regards, a form A which is issued since January 1st 2019 can not be used for applying the preferential tariff treatment in Japan, until the procedure has been completed.

Please take note above-mentioned situation.