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Basic information	
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Scheme of generalised tariff preferences Amending Regulation 2012/978 2011/0117(COD)	
Subject 6.30.01 Generalised scheme of tariff preferences (GSP), rules of origin	

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
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Key events			
04/07/2023	Legislative proposal published	COM(2023)0426	Summary
10/07/2023	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		
19/09/2023	Vote in committee, 1st reading		
19/09/2023	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading	A9-0267/2023	
04/10/2023	Debate in Parliament		

05/10/2023	Results of vote in Parliament		
05/10/2023	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading	T9-0353/2023	Summary
23/10/2023	Act adopted by Council after Parliament's 1st reading		
22/11/2023	Final act signed		
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Technical information

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	Amending Regulation 2012/978 2011/0117(COD)
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Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 165
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Documentation gateway

Legislative proposal	COM(2023)0426	04/07/2023	EC	Summary
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Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A9-0267/2023	19/09/2023	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading	T9-0353/2023	05/10/2023	EP	Summary
Draft final act	00054/2023/LEX	22/11/2023	CSL	

Final act

[Regulation 2023/2663](#)
[OJ L 000 27.11.2023, p. 0000](#)

Scheme of generalised tariff preferences

PURPOSE: to extend the validity of Regulation (EU) No 978/2012 applying a generalised tariff preference scheme (GSP) until 31 December 2027.

PROPOSED ACT: Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council.

ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: the European Parliament decides in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure and on an equal footing with the Council.

BACKGROUND: since 1971, the Community has granted trade preferences to developing countries under its Generalised System of Preferences (GSP). Regulation (EU) No 978/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council provides for the application of the GSP until 31 December 2023, with the exception of the special scheme for the least-developed countries to which that expiry date does not apply.

On 22 September 2021, the European Commission adopted a [Proposal for a Regulation](#) of the European Parliament and Council on applying a generalised scheme of tariff preferences. The new Regulation would repeal Regulation (EU) No 978/2012 of the European Parliament and of

the Council and enter into force from 1 January 2024. The ordinary legislative procedure is ongoing and may not be completed by 31 December 2023. It is therefore necessary to propose an extension of Regulation (EU) No 978/2012 in order to ensure the continued operation of the scheme beyond 31 December 2023 until the adoption and application of the successor regulation.

CONTENT: the Commission proposes to maintain the current GSP Regulation beyond 31 December 2023, with no changes, until the moment a successor Regulation is agreed among legislators and enters into force, after an appropriate transition period.

Given the prevailing uncertainties about the time it will take to complete the legislative process on the new GSP Regulation, it is proposed to extend the validity of the current GSP Regulation until 31 December 2027.

The proposal on the extension of the current GSP Regulation does not incur costs charged to the EU budget. Its application would also not entail any loss of customs revenue compared to the current situation.

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The European Parliament adopted by 561 votes to 5, with 2 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending 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.

The European Parliament adopted its position at first reading, taking over the Commission's proposal.

Since 1971, the European Union (EU) has granted trade preferences to developing countries under the Generalised System of Preferences (GSP), currently under three different schemes: standard GSP, GSP+ and Everything But Arms, the special arrangement for the least developed countries. The current regime is based on Regulation (EU) No 978/2012 and applies until 31 December 2023.

On 22 September 2021, the Commission presented a proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council applying a generalised scheme of tariff preferences scheme of generalised tariff preferences and repealing Regulation (EU) No 978/2012. The proposed subsequent regulation is expected to enter into force on 1 January 2024. However, the relevant ordinary legislative procedure is ongoing and may not be completed by 31 December 2023.

The proposal aims to extend the duration of Regulation (EU) No 978/2012 by four years in order to ensure the continued operation of the scheme beyond 31 December 2023 and to allow sufficient time for the completion of the current legislative procedure.

The proposal amends only the date of application of Regulation (EU) No 978/2012, extending it until 31 December 2027.