

Zéro droits d'entrée sur le marché de l'UE pour le Costa Rica, l'Équateur et d'autres pays

In December, the European Parliament confirmed GSP+ trade preferences for Armenia, Bolivia, Cape Verde, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Georgia, Mongolia, Pakistan, Paraguay and Peru (duty-free quota-free entry into the EU for almost all fruit and vegetable products except some products like bananas, apples and oranges). The legal text which grants these preferences has now been published in the Official Journal and can be found here: <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2014:001:0001:0003:EN:PDF>. It applies from 1 January 2014.

For Costa Rica, GSP+ preferences mean that fruit and vegetables continue to profit from duty-free access to the EU market. The EU had introduced a [regulation](#) in December 2012 that would have stopped preferential tariffs for Costa Rica's fruit and vegetable sector (a so-called "section graduation"). With the new GSP system that started on 1 January 2014, this is no longer the case because the new system excludes GSP+ countries from the threat of a section graduation.

GSP+ preferences for Costa Rica and Peru will be withdrawn at some point in the future because these countries already benefit from a bilateral agreement with the EU. However, the Commission plans to introduce this legislation only in late 2014, so that GSP+ preferences would be withdrawn at the end of 2015 at the earliest.

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