

## **India expects US govt to restore benefits under GSP**

US pulling the plug on duty concessions on \$5.6 billion of Indian exports may not mean the end of benefits under the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) citing instances when the benefits were reinstated. This is not the end of GSP (benefits), possibly because the US has restored the benefits in the past to other countries after withdrawing them “There have been instances where they have restored the GSP. They withdrew the benefits from Argentina but subsequently restored them.”

It once again extended a deadline to impose retaliatory tariffs on 29 goods originating in the US, this time to June 16. However, India is yet to decide whether to seek restoration of the GSP duty concessions.

However, reinstatement of GSP benefits is conditional.

Argentina’s GSP benefits were restored in January last year after the resolution of certain arbitral disputes with US companies, new commitments to improve market access for US agricultural products and improved protection and enforcement of intellectual property rights.

After the Asian country requested reinstatement in 2013, the preferential trade status was brought back in 2016 following a review of its compliance with the eligibility criteria, including steps it was taking on internationally recognized worker rights.

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