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The trilogue discussion on the review of the Generalised Scheme Preferences (GSP) regulation is still ongoing and therefore, it is not possible to anticipate the result of that negotiation.

The relevant provision in the Commission legislative proposal of 21 September 2021¹ is largely based on the provisions currently in force² establishing an automatic suspension of preferences for certain textile and agricultural products when the total value of such imports from a specific beneficiary country exceeds the relevant share of total GSP imports during a calendar year. The suspension would not apply to countries with a share of relevant product not exceeding a share of 6% of total EU imports of the same products.

These provisions would apply both to standard GSP and Generalised Scheme of Preferences Plus (GSP+) beneficiary countries.

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=COM:2021:0579:FIN>.

² See Article 29 of the GSP Regulation: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2012/978/oj>.