

Generalized tariff preferences GSP: exclusion of the Union of Myanmar/Burma of the GSP for industrial goods

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In adopting the report by Mrs Maj Britt THEORIN (PSE, S) Parliament approved the Commission proposal temporarily withdrawing access to generalized tariff preferences for industrial goods from the Union of Myanmar, given that forced labour is systematically used, Amendments were made, however, to the Commission text: Parliament asked the Commission to keep the situation regarding the use of forced labour in Myanmar under continuous review. If evidence is to be provided on this practice the Commission should conduct an investigation, report its findings to the Generalized Preferences Committee and inform the European Parliament. If the Commission considers that the use of forced labour has ceased it should submit a proposal to bring the application of the Regulation to an end to the Council which, after consulting the European Parliament, shall decide on it by qualified majority.