

## Uruguay's Use of GSP

### Current Use

- Uruguay's GSP exports totaled approximately \$60.6 million last year. This was slightly more than eight percent of all of Uruguay's exports to the United States (approx \$728 million).
- Uruguay was the 25<sup>th</sup> top user of GSP benefits last year.
- Uruguay's exports under GSP grew 4.4% over 2004.
- Of the GSP-eligible items that Uruguay exported to the United States, approximately 96% of them received duty-free treatment. This illustrates that Uruguay's producers, exporters, and importers claim the GSP program's duty-free benefits for nearly all of Uruguay's GSP-eligible exports to the United States.
- Uruguay's top exports under GSP in 2005 were unsplit and split upholstery leather, in-quota quantity of raw cane sugar in solid form, prepared or preserved beef in airtight containers, and the in-quota quantity of certain cheeses (such as Romano, Reggiano, and Parmesan).
- Exports have increased of items such as refined copper cathodes, certain vulcanized rubber products, non-adhesive plastic plates and sheets, and aluminum alloy products.

### Increasing Use

- Increase utilization (see four-page list of GSP exports by product)
- Increase quantities of Uruguay's largest exports under GSP:
  - See sheets describing additional GSP-eligible beef and leather products.
- Increase newly exported GSP-eligible products. 62 GSP-eligible products were exported in 2005 for the first time (e.g., refined copper cathodes, parts for umbrellas and walking sticks, potassium phosphate, pre-recorded magnetic videotape recordings, non-adhesive plates of synthetic plastic, and other items).
  - Increases in products not exported in 2005 or first-time exports under GSP, as of January 2006 include various types of motor vehicle parts, certain unsplit, split, and whole bovine tanned hides and skins, marble stone, wood grease, chocolate, etc.
- Review what was exported in 2004 and 2003 but not in 2005 to identify opportunities for renewed exports (100's of items).
- Utilize unrealized opportunities of the certified handcraft arrangement (export hand-loomed and folklore wall hangings (HTS 6304.99.10); hand-loomed and folklore pillow covers (HTS 6304.99.40); and hand-loomed fabrics (HTS 5208.31.20, HTS 5208.32.10, HTS 5208.41.20, HTS 5208.42.10, HTS 5208.51.20, HTS 5208.52.10, HTS 5209.31.30, HTS 5209.41.30 and HTS 5209.51.30).