In a communication dated 15 January 1990 the Permanent Delegation of Austria has provided the following information on changes in the Austrian GSP scheme which came into effect on 1 January 1990.

- For some 1800 tariff lines in the industrial sector (tariff chapters 25-97) the generally applicable rates of duty were temporarily reduced in advance of the final results of the multilateral trade negotiations in GATT. Since these reduced rates will be taken as the base rates for calculating the unchanged preferential margin under the Austrian GSP scheme, the preferential tariff rates will be reduced accordingly.

- Poland and the Occupied Palestinian Territories are now included in the list of preference-receiving countries (Group I).

- Two minor items have been removed from the list of products covered by the Austrian scheme, i.e. 0909 40 (seeds of caraway) and 1207 91 (poppy seeds).