

[Logout](#) [My Profile](#) [Become a Member](#)

[Advanced Search](#)
[Site Map](#)

[Advertise](#) [Contact Us](#)

[About NCBFAA](#) [News](#) [Find Members](#) [Publications & Resources](#) [Educational Institute](#)

[Press Releases](#)

[Bulletins](#)

[Monday Morning eBriefing](#)

[Items of Interest](#)

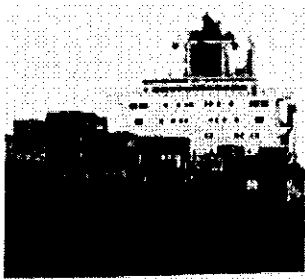
[News Archives](#)

[Home](#) > [News](#) > [Monday Morning eBriefing](#)

Trade Preferences and MTB Strategy Taking Shape

Congress may act soon on a very limited Miscellaneous Trade Bill, to alleviate problems created when many of the duty suspensions expired on December 31. A bill now being negotiated by the Senate Finance and House Ways and Means Committees selects provisions in the House-introduced version that correspond to Senate legislation introduced before October 31st. This will clearly not satisfy the pent-up demand for a miscellaneous trade package, therefore requiring another bill to follow later in the year.

At the same time, the committees are looking to produce "Trade Preference" legislation that was given a temporary, one-year extension in late December. The bill will take a close look at GSP -- not only at the controversy over benefits enjoyed by Brazil and India, but also the lack of participation by Lesser Developed Countries. Legislators hope to develop remedies to impediments to their participation. We are informed that there may be some provisions that are controversial, which signals that the bill will likely face some obstacles to enactment.



The National Customs Brokers & Forwarders Association of America, Inc.
1200 18th Street, NW, #901 Washington, DC 20036 - Phone: (202) 466-0222 - Fax (202) 466-0226