

EU GSP+ Compliance · Sri Lanka — MEP fork — MP Evidence Pack

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Audience

- MEPs (INTA, DROI, AFET)
- European External Action Service
- European Commission DG TRADE
- EU national delegations
- Brussels-based diaspora civil society

Best used for

- INTA written questions on Sri Lanka's standing against the 27 GSP+ conventions under the new regulation (in force 1 Jan 2027)
- DROI hearings on OHCHR A/HRC/60/21 and the surveillance apparatus finding
- AFET draft resolutions on Sri Lanka — successor to 2021/2748(RSP)
- EEAS structured civil-society engagement channel briefings
- DG TRADE monitoring-mission preparation

Tier-A evidence anchors

- EU Commission — new GSP Regulation (applies 1 Jan 2027)
- EU GSP+ monitoring mission to Sri Lanka, April–May 2025
- European Parliament resolution 2021/2748(RSP) on Sri Lanka (PTA arrests)
- Commission reply on GSP+ action — Dombrovskis, February 2022
- EU statement at Sri Lanka WTO Trade Policy Review, 15 October 2025
- OHCHR A/HRC/60/21 (2025)
- OHCHR OISL 2015
- ILO CEACR — Sri Lanka observations
- UN Committee on Enforced Disappearances — Sri Lanka
- Sri Lanka MFA — GSP+ re-application interest, Feb 2026
- EU trade relations with Sri Lanka — Commission country page
- Alliance Development Trust — Eastern Province labour & livelihoods
- Ceylon Workers' Congress — estate-sector wage and housing record
- Human Rights Office (Kandy) — up-country documentation

Policy asks

- European Commission (DG TRADE): Publish the methodology and benchmarks DG TRADE will use to assess Sri Lanka against the 27 GSP+ conventions under the new regulation, with specific reference to ILO C87, C98, C111 and OHCHR A/HRC/60/21.
- European Parliament (INTA): Hold a structured hearing in the 12 months before 1 January 2027 with civil society from the Northern, Eastern, and up-country regions — never Tamil-only.
- EEAS: Use the new (2027) structured civil-society engagement channel to surface Eastern Muslim and up-country Tamil labour voices alongside Northern Tamil voices.
- MEPs: Support compliance — never call for withdrawal. Always pair Tamil-specific labour evidence with Eastern Muslim and up-country labour evidence.

Draft parliamentary questions

- [European Commission / DG TRADE] What methodology will DG TRADE apply to Sri Lanka's standing against the 27 GSP+ conventions under the new regulation entering into application on 1 January 2027?
- [EEAS] What engagement has the EEAS had with civil society from the Northern, Eastern, and up-country regions of Sri Lanka in the structured engagement channel established under the new GSP Regulation?
- [European Commission / DG TRADE] What assessment has the Commission made of the ILO CEACR observations on Sri Lanka's compliance with Conventions 87 and 98?
- [European Commission] Will the Commission publish its response to the OHCHR finding in A/HRC/60/21 that Sri Lanka's surveillance apparatus is 'largely intact'?
- [European Parliament] What progress has been made on the implementation of European Parliament resolution 2021/2748(RSP) on Sri Lanka?

Civic remembrance

The MEP fork exists because the 2027 cycle is European, not British. The UK is a third country to GSP+. This pack lets diaspora MEPs in France, Germany, the Netherlands, Belgium and Ireland carry the same compliance file — verbatim and with the same multi-community guardrails — into Brussels.

Pack rules

- Never ask the EU, the Commission, or any MEP to call for GSP+ withdrawal. Ever.
- Never frame this as a Tamil-only file. Eastern Muslim and up-country labour anchors are required, not optional.
- Never name a specific European Commission official or DG TRADE caseworker.
- Always cite the April–May 2025 monitoring mission outcome honestly: no withdrawal triggered.
- Always pair every Tamil-specific labour citation with at least one Eastern Muslim and one up-country labour citation.

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