

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20436

**MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION  
of the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress<sup>1</sup>**

[Date approved: September 23, 2005]<sup>2</sup>

**Bill No. and sponsor:** H.R. 2285 (Ms. Harman)

**Proponent name, location:** Mattel, Inc.  
El Segundo, CA 90245-5012

**Other bills on product (109<sup>th</sup> Congress only):** S. 1071.

**Nature of bill:** Extension of temporary duty suspension through December 31, 2008.

**Retroactive effect:** None.

**Suggested article description(s) for enactment (including appropriate HTS subheading(s)):**

See heading 9902.01.78; no changes in the existing article description are proposed.

**Check one:**      Same as that in bill as introduced.  
                   Different from that in bill as introduced (see Technical comments section).

**Product information, including uses/applications and source(s) of imports:**

The subject articles are bags for the transportation, storage, and/or protection of toys. They are imported and sold with the toy, packaged as a retail ready ensemble. These goods are often thematically decorated, clear vinyl, zippered backpack or lunch-bag type containers intended for use with the included toy. Trade sources indicate that such articles are imported from China and Indonesia.

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<sup>2</sup> Access to an electronic copy of this memorandum is available at [http://usitc.gov/tata/hts/other/rel\\_doc/bill\\_reports/index.htm](http://usitc.gov/tata/hts/other/rel_doc/bill_reports/index.htm).

**Estimated effect on customs revenue:**

<b>HTS subheading: 4202.92.45</b>					
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Col. 1-General rate of duty	20%	20%	20%	20%	20%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Customs revenue loss <u>1/</u>	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000

1/ The customs revenue loss data shown above for 2005-2006 reflect the existing temporary duty suspension on this product in effect through the close of Dec. 31, 2006.

Source of estimated dutiable import data: Industry estimates.

**Contacts with domestic firms/organizations (including the proponent):**

Name of firm/organization	Date contacted	US production of same or competitive product claimed?	Submission attached?	Opposition noted?
		(Yes/No)		
St. Maxens & Company on behalf of Mattel, Inc. Mr. Thomas St. Maxens 202-966-9000	8/02/2005	No	No	No
Flexible Packaging Association Ms. Marla Donahue 410-694-0800	8/08/2005	No	No	No
Toy Industry Association Mr. Gary Klein 202-207-3600	8/18/2005	No	No	No
Travel Goods Association Mr. Nate Herman (703) 797-9062	8/08/2005	No	No	No

**Technical comments:**<sup>3</sup> None.

<sup>3</sup> The Commission may express an opinion on the HTS classification of a product to facilitate consideration of the bill. However, by law, only the U.S. Customs Service is authorized to issue a binding ruling on this matter. The Commission believes that the U.S. Customs Service should be consulted prior to enactment of the bill.

109<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 2285

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 11, 2005

Ms. HARMAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Ways and Means

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## A BILL

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for toys.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. CERTAIN BAGS FOR TOYS.**

4       (a) IN GENERAL.—Heading 9902.01.78 of the Har-  
5       monized Tariff Schedule of the United States is amended  
6       by striking “12/31/2006” and inserting “12/31/2008”.

7       (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
8       subsection (a) applies to goods entered, or withdrawn from  
9       warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after  
10      the date of enactment of this Act.