



MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION of the 112th Congress

Date approved

I. Background

Bill number:

Sponsor name:

Sponsor state:

Interested entity:

Name

City

State

Other bills on product (112th Congress only):

Nature of bill:

Expiration date:

Current or previous chapter 99 heading:

Retroactive date:

CAS number (if applicable):

Industry analyst:

Telephone:

Tariff Affairs contact:

Telephone:

Note:

1. Access to an electronic copy of this memorandum is available at http://www.usitc.gov/tariff_affairs/congress_reports/.
2. In regard to the country(ies) of origin listed in section III, this report focuses on dutiable imports and does not take into account any tariff preference programs or special rates of duty.

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

Fishing reels each having a frame and structural components of cast aluminum and other components of carbon fiber infused resin, valued over \$8.45 each (provided for in subheading 9507.30.60)

(If enacted, the tariff relief provided for in this bill would be available to any entity that imports the product that is covered by the bill.)

Description above compared with bill as introduced:

- Same
 Different (see Technical Comments section)

III. Other product information, including uses/applications and source(s) of imports

These fishing reels are high-end fishing tackle, with the customs value of each reel exceeding \$8.45 (based on declared value, most frequently using the transaction value method of valuation). The reels imported by the interested party are bait-casting and spinning reels designed for fresh-water fishing. U.S. imports of fishing reels valued over \$8.45 each amounted to \$177 million in 2011. China was the leading supplier, accounting for 58 percent of total imports, followed by Malaysia (15 percent), Japan (11 percent), and Korea (9 percent).

IV. Estimated effect on customs revenue

Subject product HTS subheading(s)	9507.30.60				
Item	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Col.1-general rate of duty or percentage point reduction (%)	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.9
Estimated value of <i>dutiable</i> imports (\$)	2,800,000	3,300,000	4,200,000	4,700,000	5,100,000
Customs revenue loss (\$)	109,200	128,700	163,800	183,300	198,900

Note: Customs revenue loss is provided for 5 years, although the effective period of the proposed legislation may differ. Regarding the HTS subheading listed in the article description of the bill, the Commission may express an opinion on the HTS classification of a product to facilitate consideration of the bill. However, by law, only U.S. Customs and Border Protection is authorized to issue a binding ruling on this matter. The Commission believes that Customs should be consulted prior to enactment of the bill.

Dutiable imports were based on (more than one may apply):

- Official statistics of the U.S. Department of Commerce
 Provided by industry sources
 Industry information
 Commission estimates

Duty reduction notes:

- This bill is not a duty reduction
 This bill is a temporary duty reduction. Rates are shown below.

Col.1-general duty rate (%) Temporary rate (%) Percentage point reduction (%)

V. Technical comments

The product description was modified to insert the correct HTS subheading and to use language that the conforms more closely with normal HTS usage.

VI. Continuation

S. 3195 is identical to H.R. 4650.

VII. Contacts with domestic firms/organizations

	# Firm/organization and contact name	Telephone number	Claims same or competing product made in the United States	Submission attached	Opposition noted
1	Zebco (Interested entity) Jeff Moore	918-831-6807	No	No	No
2	Penn Fishing Tackle Manufacturing Company Bill Sterback	215-229-9419	No	No	No

112TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 4650

To suspend temporarily the duty on certain fishing reels.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 25, 2012

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on certain fishing reels.

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 FISHING REELS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 99 of
5 the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States is
6 amended by inserting in numerical sequence the following
7 new heading:

“	9902.01.00	Fishing reels with a frame and structural components made of cast aluminum and nonstructural components made of carbon fiber infused resin (provided for in subheading 9603.90.80)	Free	No change	No change	On or before 12/31/2015	”.
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1 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
2 subsection (a) applies to goods entered, or withdrawn from
3 warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after
4 the date of the enactment of this Act.

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