



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)):

Fairway wood heads (provided for in subheading 9506.39.00)

(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

The subject products are assembled with shafts and grips to produce finished clubs, specifically fairway woods. A fairway wood's main use is in making shots from the fairway to the putting green. Fairway wood heads are each designed with a face having differing loft (the angle between a vertical plane and the club face when the club is at rest). The loft of a fairway wood head face (not the upward direction of a golf swing) makes a golf ball leave the ground on an ascending outward trajectory. The principal import source of heads for fairway woods as well as other parts of golf clubs (shafts, grips, and club heads other than for fairway woods) is China. Taiwan is the leading alternative source for club heads.

IV. Estimated effect on customs revenue

Table with 6 columns: Item, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017. Rows include Subject product HTS subheading(s) (9506.39.00), Col.1-general rate of duty or percentage point reduction (%), Estimated value of dutiable imports (\$), and Customs revenue loss (\$).

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

None

VI. Continuation

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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	Sporting Goods Manufacturers Association (Interested entity) Bill Sells	301-495-6321	No	No	No
2	Acushnet Company Bill Sells	301-495-6321	No	No	No
3	American Foundry Society Jerry Call	847-824-0181	No	No	No
4	Callaway Golf Kim Taylor	760-804-4240	No	No	No
5	Cleveland Golf Don Reino	714-889-1640	No	No	No
6	Innovex Golf, Inc. Jeff Butcher	425-338-9633	No	No	No
7	Karsten Manufacturing Corp. Dawn Grove	602-687-5086	No	No	No
8	Taylor Made Golf Company, Inc. Amit Kumar	760-918-6103	No	No	No

112TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 5552

To suspend temporarily the duty on fairway wood heads.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 8, 2012

Mr. BILBRAY (for himself and Mr. NEAL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on fairway wood heads.

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. FAIRWAY WOOD HEADS.**

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	Fairway wood heads (pro- vided for in subheading 9506.39.00)	Free	No change	No change	On or before 12/31/2015	”.
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8 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
9 subsection (a) applies to goods entered, or withdrawn from

- 1 warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after
- 2 the date of the enactment of this Act.

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