



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)):

Children's wallets with outer surface of sheeting of reinforced or laminated plastics, valued not over \$1 each, with exterior dimensions not exceeding 26 cm by 11.5 cm and decorated with artwork or graphics using cartoon characters or other children's motifs (provided for in subheading 4202.32.10)

(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 wallets intended for use by children. These wallets are made of reinforced or laminated plastics and are covered in artwork or graphics depicting one or more children's motifs (such as cartoon characters). The wallets are of low customs value, not exceeding \$1.00 each. The subject wallets are primarily imported from China.

IV. Estimated effect on customs revenue

Subject product HTS subheading(s)	4202.32.10				
Item	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Col.1-general rate of duty or percentage point reduction (%)	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6
Estimated value of <i>dutiable</i> imports (\$)	3,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000
Customs revenue loss (\$)	168,000	168,000	168,000	168,000	168,000

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 article description set forth above was modified for greater clarity and for consistency with the permanent HTS provisions covering the subject goods.

VI. Continuation

Suggested Article Description... -- continued:

The proposed heading in S. 2956 differs slightly in wording from that in H.R. 5606, as follows: "Children's wallets with outer

surface of sheeting of reinforced or laminated plastics, valued not over \$1.00 each, the foregoing with dimensions not exceeding 26 cm by 11.5 cm and with artwork or graphics using cartoon characters or other children's motifs (provided for in subheading 4202.32.10)."

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	Target (Interested entity) Toni Dembski-Brandl	612-696-2573	No	No	No
2	American Apparel and Footwear Association Steve Lamar	703-797-9041	No	No	No
3	American Manufacturing Trade Action Coalition Sara Beatty	202-452-0866	No	No	No
4	Disney Consumer Products Mike Castellano	202-222-4750	No	No	No
5	Fashion Accessories Shippers Association Nate Herman	703-797-9062	No	No	No
6	Kmart (Sears Holdings) Sue Ciardiello	847-286-6423	No	No	No
7	Kohl's Steven J. Thomas	262-703-2720	No	No	No
8	National Council of Textile Organizations Mike Hubbard	704-215-4540	No	No	No
9	Office Depot Jodi Thompson	561-438-0976	No	No	No
10	Staples Ryan Pimentel	800-388-0252	No	No	No
11	Travel Goods Association Nate Herman	703-797-9062	No	No	No
12	Wal-Mart Lisa Schimmelpfenning	479-273-8811	No	No	No

112TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 5606

To suspend temporarily the rate of duty on certain children's wallets.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 8, 2012

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

A BILL

To suspend temporarily the rate of duty on certain children's
wallets.

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 CHILDREN'S WALLETS.**

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	Children's wallets with outer surface of plastic each valued not over \$1.00 and with dimensions not exceeding 26 cm x 11.5 cm and with artwork or graphics using cartoon characters or other children's motif (provided for in sub-heading 4202.32.10)	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 articles entered, or withdrawn
3 from warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day
4 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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