MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION
of the 109th Congress

[Date approved: November 4, 2005]

Bill No. and sponsor: H.R. 2311 (Mr. Joe Wilson of South Carolina).

Proponent name, location: Bose Corporation, Framingham, MA.

Other bills on product (109th Congress only): None.


Retroactive effect: None.

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

Loudspeakers not mounted in their enclosures (provided for in subheading 8518.29.80), the foregoing which meet a performance standard of not more than 1.5 dB for the average level of 3 or more octave bands, when such loudspeakers are tested in a reverberant chamber.

Check one: 

X 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:

Loudspeakers are devices that convert electrical signals transmitted from amplifiers into acoustical sound. These loudspeakers are normally sold for consumer use in enclosures, which are nonvibrating, generally rigid elements (usually cabinets of various types and sizes, whether or not totally enclosing other components) that control the divergence of the sound waves.

Loudspeakers not mounted in their enclosures are not generally recognized as finished products. They are used in the manufacture of a variety of consumer products, such as finished loudspeakers, home and car stereos, radios, televisions, electrical musical instruments, audible toys, and other products. As a finished product, loudspeakers are used in recording studios, concert halls, stadiums, theaters, and broadcast stations, and in many multimedia applications. The loudspeakers under consideration meet a performance specification that is designed to ensure they will reproduce sound with a minimum distortion.

Countries of origin for such loudspeakers are China, Malaysia, Taiwan, and Mexico.
Estimated effect on customs revenue:

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Source of estimated dutiable import data: Industry and Commission staff estimates.

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

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<th>Name of firm/organization</th>
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Technical comments: None.

3 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.
H. R. 2311

To extend the temporary suspension of duty on certain high-performance loudspeakers.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 11, 2005

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. CERTAIN HIGH-PERFORMANCE LOUDSPEAKERS.

(a) In General.—Heading 9902.85.20 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (relating to certain high-performance loudspeakers) is amended by striking “12/31/2006” and inserting “12/31/2008”.

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