MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION
of the 109th Congress

[Date approved: August 2, 2006]

Bill No. and sponsor: S. 2777 (Mrs. Kay Bailey Hutchison of Texas).

Proponent name, location: Uniden, Fort Worth, TX.

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


Retroactive effect: None

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

Electrical radiobroadcast receivers, intended to be handheld, valued over $40 each, the foregoing designed to receive and monitor publicly transmitted radio communications (provided for in subheading 8527.19.50).

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:

A scanner is a radio receiver that has the ability to scan pre-programmed frequencies as well as the ability to search for new ones. A scanner typically is capable of tuning in frequencies outside the usual consumer radiobroadcast frequencies, including noncommercial frequencies such as those used by police and fire departments. Scanners in this category are valued over $40 each and are capable of operating without an external source of power (i.e., on battery power).

China is the principal source of U.S. imports of these goods.

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1 Industry analyst preparing report: John Kitzmiller (202-205-3387); Tariff Affairs contact: Jan Summers (202-205-2605).
3 The subject product is eligible for duty-free treatment under heading 9902.02.23 through December 31, 2006.
Estimated effect on customs revenue:

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1/ The estimated customs revenue loss for 2006 reflects the existing duty suspension under heading 9902.02.23 that expires on December 31, 2006.


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

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<td>Jena Hooks, 817-858-3574</td>
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Technical comments:4 None.

4 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.
To extend the temporary suspension of duty on hand-held radio scanners.

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

SECTION 1. HAND-HELD RADIO SCANNERS.

(a) In General.—Heading 9902.02.23 of the Har-
monized Tariff Schedule of the United States (relating to
hand-held radio scanners) is amended by striking “12/31/
2006” and inserting “12/31/2009”.

(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.