

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

**MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION
of the 111th Congress¹**

[Date approved: May 24, 2010]²

Bill No. and sponsor: S. 2443 (Mr. Sam Brownback of Kansas).

Proponent name,³ location: Acquisition Services LLC, Wichita, KS.

Other bills on product (111th Congress only): None.

Nature of bill: Temporary duty suspension through December 31, 2011.

Retroactive effect: None.

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

Devices of stainless steel designed for use in separating the wings and breast of hunted fowl from the rest of the carcasses when such a device is mounted on a standard vehicle trailer hitch (provided for in subheading 7326.90.85).

Check one: 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:

The subject article is a device of stamped and folded stainless steel⁴ that is designed to hold securely the carcass of a hunted fowl (especially ducks, pheasants, and geese) when the fowl is pulled across it. The implement simplifies the field dressing of each fowl by allowing removal of the entrails, with the added option of removing the head and/or one or both wings, in one quick process. The device is specifically designed to be mounted onto the standard trailer hitch of the hunter's vehicle, although an optional component allows the use of the device while a trailer is still attached to the towing vehicle. China is the source country for this article.⁵

¹ Industry analyst preparing report: Karl Tsuji (202-205-3434); Tariff Affairs contact: Jan Summers (202-205-2605).

² Access to an electronic copy of this memorandum is available at http://www.usitc.gov/tariff_affairs/congress_reports/.

³ The proponent identified one additional beneficiary of this bill. The firm did not submit a written representation that it would benefit from this bill, but a representative confirmed so verbally by telephone (see Contacts section of this memorandum).

⁴ See: Waterfowl Junkie.com, "Bird Hitch– Original Bird Breaster," available at the proponent's Internet site <http://www.waterfowljunkie.com/>. According to the site, the firm is located in Breezy Point, MN.

⁵ USITC staff e-mail correspondence with proponent, February 23, 2010. The proponent represents foreign manufacturers who produce items for small businesses or inventors.

Estimated effect on customs revenue for the subject product classifiable in HTS subheading 7326.90.85:

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Col. 1-General rate of duty	2.9%	2.9%	2.9%	2.9%	2.9%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports ^a	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
Customs revenue loss ^b	\$14,500	\$14,500	\$14,500	\$14,500	\$14,500

a/ Dutiable import estimates were based on industry information and Commission estimates.

b/ At the request of Congress, customs revenue loss is provided for 5 years, although the effective period of the proposed legislation may differ.

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

Name of firm/organization	Date contacted	Claim US makes same or competing product(s)?	Submission attached?	Opposition noted?
			(Yes/No)	
Acquisition Services LLC (Proponent) Larry Self, 316-722-9801, lself@acquiserv.com	02/23/2010	No	Yes	No
Waterfowl Junkie, Inc. Bob Berens, ⁶ 651-230-4935	02/24/2010	No	No	No

Technical comments:⁷

It is suggested that the article description of the proposed heading be amended to read as shown on page 1, to describe the product in terms of normal HTS usage.

⁶ Mr. Berens, the owner of the firm and inventor of the subject product, confirmed verbally that it would benefit from this bill in a telephone conversation with USITC staff on February 25, 2009. Waterfowl Junkie, Inc., is located in Shakopee, MN.

⁷ 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.

111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 2443

To suspend temporarily the duty on certain implements for cleaning hunted fowl.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 29, 2009

Mr. BROWNBACK introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on certain implements for cleaning hunted fowl.

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 IMPLEMENTS FOR CLEANING HUNT-**

4 **ED FOWL.**

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

“	9902.01.00	Implements for cleaning hunted fowl; constructed of stainless steel, with mount for standard vehicle trailer hitch for stability during use (provided for in subheading 7326.90.85)	Free	No change	No change	On or before 12/31/2011	”.
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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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