



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)):

Golf bag bodies made of woven fabrics of nylon or polyester sewn together with pockets, and dividers or graphite protectors, accompanied with rainhoods (provided for in subheading 6307.90.98)

(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 product includes golf bag bodies of woven fabrics of nylon or polyester. Using the imported golf bag bodies, golf bags are assembled mainly in the United States by fitting the fabric bags over tubes or rods of a lightweight metal or carbon composite. Golf bags are used to carry golf clubs and other golf equipment while golfing and when traveling. Most of the subject golf bag bodies are imported from China. Opposition to this bill is noted in the Contacts table below.

IV. Estimated effect on customs revenue

Table with 6 columns: Item, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017. Rows include Subject product HTS subheading(s) (6307.90.98), Col.1-general rate of duty or percentage point reduction (%), Estimated value of dutiable imports (\$), and Customs revenue loss (\$). Includes a note about the 5-year period and HTS classification.

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 (%) [7] Temporary rate (%) [1.5] Percentage point reduction (%) [5.5]

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 | Taylor Made Golf Company, Inc. (Interested entity) Amit Kumar | 760-918-6103 | No | No | No |
| 2 | American Manufacturing Trade Action Coalition Sara Beatty | 202-452-0866 | No | Yes | Yes |
| 3 | National Council of Textile Organizations Mike Hubbard | 704-215-4540 | No | No | No |
| 4 | National Textile Association David Trumbull | 617-542-8220 | No | No | No |
| 5 | SEAMS Association Sarah Friedman | 803-772-5861 | No | No | No |

From: Sara Beatty [mailto:sbeatty@amtacdc.org]
Sent: Thursday, July 19, 2012 2:16 PM
To: Jones, Jackie
Subject: AMTAC Opposition to H.R. 5637

Jackie,

Out of the Batch 7 bills, AMTAC opposes H.R. 5637 on golf bag bodies as it would negatively impact our membership. We have no position on the remaining Batch 7 bills. Thanks. Sara

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112TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 5637

To extend the temporary suspension of duty on certain golf bags.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 8, 2012

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

A BILL

To extend the temporary suspension of duty on certain golf bags.

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 GOLF BAGS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Heading 9902.23.24 of the Har-
5 monized Tariff Schedule of the United States (relating to
6 golf bag bodies made of woven fabrics of nylon or polyester
7 sewn together with pockets, and dividers or graphite pro-
8 tectors, accompanied with rainhoods) is amended by strik-
9 ing the date in the effective period column and inserting
10 “12/31/2015”.

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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