

**STATEMENT OF  
LYKES BROS., INC.**

Pursuant to the May 3, 2002 Advisory from the Subcommittee on Trade of the Committee on Ways and Means, Lykes Bros., Inc. submits the following statement for consideration by the Committee and for inclusion in the printed record. The statement comments on H.R. 3759 and H.R. 3760, bills to require the U.S. Customs Service to reliquidate certain entries of a certain drawback claim relating to cranberry juice.

The bills are intended to provide relief to Lykes Bros., Inc., the owner of certain assets of Lykes Pasco, Inc. a Dade City, Florida juice processor. Lykes Bros. believes the Customs Service incorrectly denied Lykes Pasco's drawback claims on imports and exports of cranberry juice concentrate. In this matter, Lykes Pasco changed the supplier on whom it relied when importing the juice. Lykes Pasco re-exported a comparable amount, value, and quality of commercially interchangeable juice. It was, therefore, entitled to drawback on these cranberry exports. The reliquidation of these claims would not change Customs' general approach to drawback and administration of the drawback statutes, and would not cause harm to any U.S. growers or processors of cranberries or cranberry juices.

Thank you for consideration of our request to have these bills included in trade legislation this year.