

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

**MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION
of the 109th Congress¹**

[Date approved: June 12, 2008]²

Bill No. and sponsor: H.R. 4939 (Mr. Earl Blumenauer of Oregon).

Proponent name,³ location: Bicycle Product Suppliers Association, Montgomeryville, PA.

Other bills on product (110th Congress only): None.

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

Retroactive effect: None.

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

Unicycles (provided for in subheading 8712.00.50).

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:

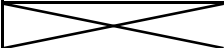
A unicycle is a rideable machine with a single wheel. A unicycle has a seat mounted on a fork, which holds a twenty to twenty-six inch wheel. Cranks and pedals are mounted directly to the hub of the wheel. Taiwan and China are the leading suppliers of unicycles to the United States.

¹ Industry analyst preparing report: Ralph Watkins (202-205-3492); Tariff Affairs contact: Jan Summers (202-205-2605).

² An electronic copy of this memorandum is available at http://usitc.gov/tata/hts/other/rel_doc/bill_reports/index.htm.

³ The sponsor/proponent did not identify any additional beneficiaries of this bill. USITC staff identified six additional beneficiaries of this bill that were not identified by the sponsor/proponent. Six beneficiaries submitted written representations that they would benefit from this bill.

Estimated effect on customs revenue:

HTS subheading: 8712.00.50					
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Col. 1-General rate of duty	3.7%	3.7%	3.7%	3.7%	3.7%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Customs revenue loss ^{1/}	\$0	\$37,000	\$37,000	\$37,000	\$37,000

^{1/} There is an existing duty suspension under HTS heading 9902.24.67 that expires on December 31, 2009. Therefore, there will be no customs revenue loss related to this bill for 2009. Dutiable U.S. imports under subheading 8712.00.50 in 2007 totaled about \$9.3 million; this provision covers a wider range of cycles than does the current bill.

Source of estimated dutiable import data: Commission estimates based on official U.S. Government statistics.

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)		
Bicycle Product Suppliers Association (Proponent) Maureen Waddington, 215-393-3144	4/9/08	No	No	No
American Mentality, Inc. Rachel Rotz, 407-599-7255, ext. 100	4/9/08	No	No	No
Autocraft Industries, Inc. Kathy Walker, 405-350-3805	4/9/08	No	No	No
Bell Sports, Inc. Terry Stern, 800-456-2355	4/9/08	No	No	No
Calfee Design Craig Calfee, 831-728-1859	4/9/08	No	No	No
Cane Creek Cycling Components Lena Warren, 828-684-3551	4/10/08	No	No	No
Cannondale Bicycle Corp. Ron Lombardi, 203-749-7000	4/10/08	No	No	No
Castellano Designs John Castellano, 707-539-2710	4/10/08	No	No	No

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Compositech, Inc. Rick Cox, 317-481-1120	4/10/08	No	No	No
Crank Brothers Christina Orlandella christina@crankbrothers.com	4/10/08	No	No	No
DK Products, Inc. Chris Keller, 937-746-9075	4/14/08	No	No	No
Easton Sports John Harrington jharrington@eastonsports.com	4/10/08	No	No	No
Elite Bicycles David Greenberg, 215-732-8973	4/10/08	No	No	No
Fallbrook Technologies E. Barrios, 858-623-9557, ext. 115	4/24/08	No	No	No
Foes Fabrications Mitch Evans, 626-568-0328	4/11/08	No	No	No
Full Speed Ahead, Inc. John M. VanEnkevort, 425-488-8653	4/11/08	No	No	No
Gallop Cycle Corp. Grace Hsiao, 310-885-4300	4/11/08	No	No	No
Giant Bicycle, Inc. Russ Okawa, 805-267-4600	4/11/08	No	No	No
Griffen USA Mark Winters, 940-627-0102	4/14/08	No	No	No
The Hawley Co., Inc. Dave Carson, 803-359-3492	4/15/08	No	No	No
HB Performance Systems Clayton Goldsmith, 262-242-4300	4/15/08	No	No	No
Heron Bicycles Todd Kuzma, todd@kuzma.com	4/10/08	No	No	No
Hope Technology USA, Inc. Philip Dean, 936-756-5004	4/15/08	No	No	No
J&B Importers Burton Schwartz, 305-238-1866	4/16/08	No	No	No
Kelly Bike Chris Kelly, chris@kellybike.com	4/10/08	No	No	No

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Kestrel Bicycles, Advanced Sports, Inc. Evan Barnebey, 215-824-3854	4/16/08	No	No	No
KHS Bicycles, Inc. Greg O'Connell, 310-632-7173, ext. 213	4/15/08	No	No	No
Litespeed Brenda Howard, 800-229-0198	4/16/08	No	No	No
Mavic, Inc. Sean Sullivan, 978-469-8409	4/16/08	No	No	No
Moots Cycles Cathy Weidemer, 970-879-1676	4/10/08	No	No	No
Nobilette Cycles Mark Nobilette, 303-772-8139	4/10/08	No	No	No
Ochsner International, Inc. Othon Henry Ochsner, 847-465-8200	4/13/08	No	No	No
Odyssey/Bear Corp. Louie Pacheco, 562-623-9995	4/9/08	No	No	No
Parlee Cycles Tom Rodi, 978-977-7474	4/16/08	No	No	No
Performance Inc. Jane Branscome, 919-933-9113	4/16/08	No	No	No
Permobil, Inc. Jennifer Finger, 800-736-0925	4/10/08	No	No	No
Planet Bike Erik Olson, 866-256-8510	4/17/08	No	No	No
Power Cranks Frank Day, fday@powercranks.com	4/12/08	No	No	No
Profile Design Grace Hsiao, 888-800-5999	4/15/08	No	No	No
Quality Bicycle Products, Inc. Matt Moore, 952-941-9391, ext. 1255	4/17/08	No	No	No
Raleigh America, Inc./Diamondback Bikes Bill Carl, 253-395-1100	4/15/08	No	No	No
Rohloff, Inc. Thomas Siemann, 510-232-4833	4/12/08	No	No	No

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Saris Cycling Group, Inc. Kevin Fons, 608-274-6550	4/17/08	No	No	No
Scura Speed & Technology Brian Scura, Brian@projectsst.com	4/12/08	No	No	No
Sharp Sprockets Bill Sharp, Bill@sharpsprockets.com	4/12/08	No	No	No
Shimano American Corp. Allen Johnston, 949-951-5003	4/15/08	No	No	No
Sigma Sport USA, LLC Brian Orloff, 630-761-1107	4/17/08	No	No	No
Sinister Bikes, Freeride Endeavors Bruce Linehan, 978-865-9911	4/12/08	No	No	No
Snafu BMX Mike Collins, mike@revolution-ads.com	4/12/08	No	No	No
SRAM Corp. David Zimberoff, 312-664-8800	4/13/08	No	No	No
Staats Bicycles Jason Halverson, 801-943-8502	4/13/08	No	No	No
Steelman Cycles Brent Steelman, 650-364-3939	4/13/08	No	No	No
Supercross BMX Bill Ryan, 760-240-526	4/15/08	No	No	No
Target Corp. Toni Dembski-Brandl, 612-696-2573	4/13/08	No	No	No
Todson, Inc. Karen Sweeney, 800-213-4561	4/16/08	No	No	No
Trek Bicycle Corp. Roger Gierhart, 920-478-2191	4/18/08	No	No	No
Wald Manufacturing Co., LLC Ralph Pawsat, 606-564-4078	4/18/08	No	No	No
Wal*Mart Stores, Inc. Mark Haney, Sandler Travis & Rosenberg mhaney@strtrade.com	4/13/08	No	No	No
Wanxiang America Corp. Gary Wetzal, 847-622-8838	4/18/08	No	No	No

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Woodman Components USA Jim Vincent, 978-282-1146	4/18/08	No	No	No
Worksman Bicycle Brake Corp. International Mark Worksman, mworksman@aol.com	4/13/08	No	No	No
WTB, Inc. Fred Falk, 800-975-2453	4/16/08	No	No	No
Zinn Cycles Lennard Zinn, zinn@comcast.net	4/13/08	No	No	No

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.

110TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 4939

To extend the temporary suspension of duty on unicycles.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 15, 2008

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

A BILL

To extend the temporary suspension of duty on unicycles.

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. UNICYCLES.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Heading 9902.24.67 of the Har-
5 monized Tariff Schedule of the United States (relating to
6 unicycles) is amended by striking “12/31/2009” and in-
7 serting “12/31/2011”.

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