

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

**MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION
of the 110th Congress¹**

[Date approved: July 22, 2008]²

Bill No. and sponsor: H.R. 5399 (Mr. Darrell Issa of California).

Proponent name,³ location: Outdoor Industry Association, Boulder, CO.

Other bills on product (110th Congress only): H.R. 5553.

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

Retroactive effect: None.

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

Travel bags of manmade fibers, with outer surface of textile materials, the foregoing valued over \$30 each, not exceeding 80 liters in interior volume and with wheels, a telescoping handle, stowable shoulder straps and a removable separate backpack or daypack attached by zipper or other means, such backpack or daypack not exceeding 26 liters in interior volume (provided for in subheading 4202.12.80).

Check one: ___ Same as that in bill as introduced.
 x Different from that in bill as introduced (see Technical comments section).

Product information, including uses/applications and source(s) of imports:

The subject product is travel luggage made of woven textile fabrics of man-made fibers and is valued over \$30 each. It comprises two joined pieces: (1) a travel bag with wheels, a telescoping handle and stowable shoulder straps and measuring not over 4,900 cubic inches (80 liters) in interior volume, and (2) a removable separate backpack or daypack affixed by zipper or other means, measuring not over 1,600 cubic inches (26 liters) in interior volume. The subject product is designed primarily for airline travel and for "adventure travel." The bulk of the subject products are imported from China, followed by Vietnam, Thailand, the Philippines, and Italy. Dutiable U.S. imports under HTS subheading 4202.12.80 (a broader category than is covered by this bill) totaled \$592.5 million in 2007, of which China accounted for \$529.4 million in shipments.

¹ Industry analyst preparing report: Don Sussman (202-205-3331); Tariff Affairs contact: Jan Summers (202-205-2605).

² Access to 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 identified 10 additional beneficiaries of this bill. USITC staff sent inquiries to the additional beneficiaries and received responses from one. It submitted written representation that it would benefit from this bill.

Estimated effect on customs revenue:

HTS subheading: <u>4202.12.80</u>					
 	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Col. 1-General rate of duty	17.6%	17.6%	17.6%	17.6%	17.6%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$440,500	\$484,500	\$533,000	\$586,300	\$644,900
Customs revenue loss	\$77,528	\$85,272	\$93,808	\$103,189	\$113,502

Source: Industry estimates.

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)		
Outdoor Industry Association (Proponent) Alex Boian, 303-327-3509	06/04/2008	No	No	No
Eagle Creek Keith Jenkins, 202-248-5090	05/23/2008	No	No	No
London Bridge Trading Company Doug McDougal, 757-498-0207	05/23/2008	No	No	No
Luggage Works Charles Ferguson, 417-678-7684	06/02/2008	No	Yes	No
Travel Goods Association Nate Herman, 703-797-9062	05/22/2008	No	No	No
VF Outdoor, Inc. Patrick Fox, 714-889-6133	06/05/2008	No	No	No

Technical comments:⁴

The article description should be amended as shown on page 1.

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. 5399

To suspend temporarily the duty on certain travel bags with a removable
backpack or daypack.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 12, 2008

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

A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on certain travel bags with
a removable backpack or daypack.

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 TRAVEL BAGS WITH A REMOVABLE**
4 **BACKPACK OR DAYPACK.**

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	Travel bags of manmade fibers, with wheels, a telescoping handle, stowable shoulder straps, and a removable separate backpack or daypack attached by zipper or other means, valued over \$30, not to exceed 4,900 cubic inches (80 liters) in volume, and removable separate backpack or daypack not to exceed 1,600 cubic inches (26 liters) in volume (provided for in subheading 4202.12.80) ...	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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