

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

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

[Date approved: October 11, 2006]²

Bill No. and sponsor: S. 3236 (Mr. Max Baucus of Montana).

Proponent name, location: Sun Mountain Sports, Missoula, MT.

Other bills on product (109th Congress only): None.

Nature of bill: Temporary duty suspension through December 31, 2009.

Retroactive effect: None.

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

Golf bag bodies of woven fabrics of nylon or polyester, imported with attached rainhoods, pockets, dividers and graphite shaft protection (provided for in subheading 6307.90.98).

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:³

The subject articles are golf bag bodies that are made of woven nylon or polyester fabric. The golf bag bodies have attached rainhoods, pockets, dividers, and graphite shaft protection when they are imported. Such products reportedly are incomplete goods as of the time of entry because they lack straps and other features, and because they are not yet usable for the intended purposes of storing and transporting golf clubs and related accessories; complete golf bags imported separately would likely fall under HTS heading 4202. The proponent adds a bottom, injection-molded bottom and top ferrules, an external stand, and other features depending on the model. The subject articles are imported from China.

¹ Industry analyst preparing report: Robert Randall (202-205-3366); Tariff Affairs contact: Janis 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.

Estimated effect on customs revenue:

HTS subheading: 6307.90.98					
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Col. 1-General rate of duty	7%	7%	7%	7%	7%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$3,500,000	\$3,950,000	\$4,400,000	\$5,000,000	\$5,600,000
Customs revenue loss	\$245,000	\$276,500	\$308,000	\$350,000	\$392,000

Source of estimated dutiable import data: Industry estimates.

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

Name of firm/organization <u>1/</u>	Date contacted	Claim US makes same or competing product(s)?	Submission attached?	Opposition noted?
		(Yes/No)		
Sun Mountain Sports (Proponent) Blake Ludwick, Tel. 406-728-9224	9/6/2006	No	No	No
Action Bag & Cover, Inc., FAX: 714-964-5949	8/18/2006	No	No	No
All Star Pro Golf Inc., FAX: 712-262-8891	8/18/2006	No	No	No
Anderson Manufacturing Co., FAX: 906-863-8715	8/18/2006	No	No	No
Cross Canvas Co. President; FAX: 828-252-2839	8/18/2006	No	No	No
J.B. Dask Corp., FAX: 781-762-9271	8/18/2006	No	No	No
Datrek Professional Bags, Inc. FAX: 615-384-1290	8/18/2006	No	No	No
MacGregor Golf Co., FAX: 800-455-1220	8/18/2006	No	No	No
Parrott Canvas Co., Inc., FAX: 252-752-8525	8/18/2006	No	No	No
Premier Pack Industries, Inc., FAX: 718-230-4134	8/18/2006	No	No	No
Professional Golf Services FAX: 770-578-4348	8/18/2006	No	No	No

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PromoPros FAX: 281-596-7583	8/18/2006	No	No	No
Scott Mfg. Co., FAX: 402-341-1496	8/18/2006	No	No	No
Titleist http://www.titleist.com/corporate/emailus.asp	8/18/2006	No	No	No
Wilson Sporting Goods Co., FAX: 773-714-4565	8/18/2006	No	No	No

1/ No specific contact is available at the subject firms, which were identified using the Internet or in directories as firms that might have an interest in the bill.

Technical comments:⁴

It is suggested that the proposed article description be modified as shown on page 1 of this report, to be more consistent with normal drafting practices in the HTS.

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.

109TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 3236

To suspend temporarily the duty on certain golf bag bodies.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 25, 2006

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

A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on certain golf bag bodies.

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 BAG BODIES.**

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

“	9902.63.07	Golf bag bodies made of woven nylon or polyester fabric, sewn together with rainhoods, pockets, dividers, and graphite shaft protection (provided for in sub-heading 6307.90.98)	Free	No change	No change	On or before 12/31/2009	”.
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8 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
9 subsection (a) applies to goods entered, or withdrawn from

- 1 warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after
- 2 the date of the enactment of this Act.

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