

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

**MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION
of the 109th Congress ¹**

[Date approved: August 2, 2006]²

Bill No. and sponsor: S. 2715 (Mrs. Blanche Lincoln, AR).

Proponent name, location: Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., Bentonville, AR.

Other bills on product (109th Congress only): H.R. 3676.³

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

Retroactive effect: None.

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

Radiobroadcast receivers capable of operating without an external source of power, incorporating a clock or clock-timer (provided for in subheading 8527.19.50).

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:

These goods are radiobroadcast receivers capable of operating without an external source of power (portable) that contain a clock or clock timer. China is the primary source of U.S. imports of these products.

Estimated effect on customs revenue:

HTS subheading: 8527.19.50					
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Col. 1-General rate of duty					
Col. 1-General rate of duty	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$28,500,000	\$28,500,000	\$28,500,000	\$28,500,000	\$28,500,000
Customs revenue loss	\$855,000	\$855,000	\$855,000	\$855,000	\$855,000

Source of estimated dutiable import data: Official U.S. Government statistics and Commission estimates.

¹ Industry analyst preparing report: John Kitzmiller (202-205-3387); 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 Commission staff have not been asked to prepare a bill report on this proposed legislation.

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)		
Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. (Proponent) Tres Bailey, 202-737-2806	05/24/2006	No	No	No
Bose Corp. Walter Raheb, 202-207-0897	06/06/2006	No	No	No
Consumer Electronics Association Sean Wargo, 703-907-7083	06/06/2006	No	No	No

Technical comments:⁴

It is suggested that the article description be modified as shown on page 1 in order to track the language of the permanent tariff category more closely.

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
2^D SESSION

S. 2715

To temporarily suspend the duty on certain clock radio combos.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 4, 2006

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

A BILL

To temporarily suspend the duty on certain clock radio combos.

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. CLOCK RADIO COMBOS.**

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:

“	9902.85.27	Reception apparatus for radiotelephony, radiotelegraphy or radio broadcasting, containing a clock or clock timer (provided for in subheading 8527.19.50)	Free	No change	No change	On or before 12/31/2009	”.
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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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