



MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION of the 112th Congress

Date approved

I. Background

Bill number:

Sponsor name:

Sponsor state:

Interested entity:

Name

City

State

Other bills on product (112th Congress only):

Nature of bill:

Expiration date:

Current or previous chapter 99 heading:

Retroactive date:

CAS number (if applicable):

Industry analyst:

Telephone:

Tariff Affairs contact:

Telephone:

Note:

1. Access to an electronic copy of this memorandum is available at http://www.usitc.gov/tariff_affairs/congress_reports/.
2. In regard to the country(ies) of origin listed in section III, this report focuses on dutiable imports and does not take into account any tariff preference programs or special rates of duty.

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

Chime melody rod assembly suitable for the production of grandfather clocks, wall clocks, and mantel clocks (provided for in subheading 9114.90.50).

Description above compared with bill as introduced:

- Same
 Different (see Technical Comments section)

III. Other product information, including uses/applications and source(s) of imports

The chime melody rod assembly consists of chime rods of such length that each plays a specific musical note. The series of chimes are inserted into a single cast block. The cast block is unique and produces an ideal combination of frequency, volume, and resonance. Each chime rod is produced from special steel and machined with a unique cone tip, heat treated to alter the steel's mechanical properties, tuned, and protected against rust and corrosion. Most fine quality chime melody assemblies are produced in Germany.

IV. Estimated effect on customs revenue

Subject product HTS subheading(s)	9114.90.50				
Item	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Col.1-general rate of duty (%)	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.2
Estimated value of <i>dutiable</i> imports (\$)	332,000	342,000	352,000	362,000	372,000
Customs revenue loss (\$)	13,944	14,364	14,784	15,204	15,624

Note: Customs revenue loss is provided for 5 years, although the effective period of the proposed legislation may differ. Regarding the HTS subheading listed in the article description of the bill, the Commission may express an opinion on the HTS classification of a product to facilitate consideration of the bill. However, by law, only U.S. Customs and Border Protection is authorized to issue a binding ruling on this matter. The Commission believes that Customs should be consulted prior to enactment of the bill.

Dutiable imports were based on (more than one may apply):

- Official statistics of the U.S. Department of Commerce
 Provided by industry sources
 Industry information
 Commission estimates

Duty reduction notes:

- This bill is not a duty reduction
 This bill is a temporary duty reduction. Rates are shown below.

Col.1-general duty rate (%) Temporary rate (%) Percentage point reduction (%)

V. Technical comments

The term "used in" appearing in the product description of the bill has been replaced with "suitable for."

VI. Continuation

Suggested Article Description... -- continued:

If enacted, the tariff relief provided for in this bill would be available to any entity that imports the product that is covered by the bill.

VII. Contacts with domestic firms/organizations

	# Firm/organization and contact name	Telephone number	Claims same or competing product made in the United States	Submission attached	Opposition noted
1	Howard Miller Clock Company (Interested entity) Mike Wallace	616-772-7277 ext. 218	No	No	No
2	Black Forest Imports, Inc. Peter Lickl	336-790-5184	No	No	No
3	Brandywine Clock Gineon Stolfus	610-273-3395	No	No	No
4	Butterworth Clocks Mark Butterworth	563-263-6759	No	No	No
5	Hermle Black Forest Clocks Bill Mangold	434-946-7751	No	No	No
6	Merritt Antiques Kim Pribish	610-689-9541 ext. 254	No	No	No
7	R&M Imports Randy Thatcher	513-897-5015	No	No	No
8	Ridgeway Clocks Company John Oren	616-772-9131	No	No	No

112TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 4738

To suspend temporarily the duty on the chime melody rod assembly used in the production of grandfather clocks, wall clocks, and mantel clocks.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 25, 2012

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

A BILL

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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. CHIME MELODY ROD ASSEMBLY USED IN THE**
4 **PRODUCTION OF GRANDFATHER CLOCKS,**
5 **WALL CLOCKS, AND MANTEL CLOCKS.**

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

“	9902.01.00	Chime melody rod assembly used in the production of grandfather clocks, wall clocks, and mantel clocks (provided for in sub-heading 9114.90.50)	Free	No change	No change	On or before 12/31/2015	”.
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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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