



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)):

Artichokes, prepared or preserved by vinegar or acetic acid (provided for in subheading 2001.90.25)

(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.)

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 subject products are prepared artichokes. Although artichokes are grown in California, such artichokes are sold to the fresh market and are not used to produce prepared or preserved artichokes. Artichokes and artichoke hearts of this tariff line are commonly referred to as "marinated artichokes" and can be used as stand-alone appetizers. They are also used in salads, dips, spreads, as pizza toppings, or in pasta dishes. Spain is the primary source of dutiable imports.

IV. Estimated effect on customs revenue

Subject product HTS subheading(s)	2001.90.25				
Item	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Col.1-general rate of duty (%) or percentage point reduction	3.56	3.56	3.56	3.56	3.56
Estimated value of <i>dutiable</i> imports (\$)	23,000,000	24,100,000	25,300,000	26,600,000	27,900,000
Customs revenue loss (\$)	818,800	857,960	900,680	946,960	993,240

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

None

VI. Continuation

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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	World Finer Foods Inc. (interested entity) Barbara Harloe	973-338-0300, x129	No	No	No
2	Borges USA Marie Staley	559-498-2919	No	No	No
3	H & J Trading Company John Wollenweber	925-552-0220	No	No	No
4	Rema Foods Inc. David Rockwood	201-947-1000, x129	No	No	No
5	Schreiber Foods Howard Schreiber	201-327-3535	No	No	No
6	Camerican International Lori Kensicki	201-587-0101	No	No	No
7	Association of Food Industries David Olave	202-216-9307	No	No	No
8	California Artichoke Advisory Board Pat Hopper	831-633-4411	No	No	No
9	California League of Food Processors Rob Neenan	916-640-8150	No	No	No
10	Food Match Inc. Norah Burton	212-239-6923	No	No	No
11	Atalanta Corporation Charles Gabbert	908-351-8000, x263	No	No	No
12	Victoria Fine Foods Jerry Aquilina	718-927-3000	No	No	No
13	Vigo Importing Tony Alessi	813-884-3491	No	No	No

112TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 5069

To extend the temporary reduction of duty on artichokes, prepared or preserved by vinegar or acetic acid.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 27, 2012

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

A BILL

To extend the temporary reduction of duty on artichokes, prepared or preserved by vinegar or acetic acid.

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. ARTICHOKES, PREPARED OR PRESERVED BY**

4 **VINEGAR OR ACETIC ACID.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Heading 9902.03.90 of the Har-
6 monized Tariff Schedule of the United States (relating to
7 artichokes, prepared or preserved by vinegar or acetic
8 acid) is amended by striking the date in the effective pe-
9 riod column and inserting “12/31/2015”.

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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