



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)):

Ski poles and parts and accessories thereof (provided for in subheading 9506.19.80)

(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 used for Alpine (downhill) skiing. Ski poles and parts and accessories thereof designed specifically for Nordic (cross-country) skiing are classified in the separate HTS subheading 9506.19.40 and have a rate of duty of "Free." Alpine ski poles and parts are classified in HTS statistical annotation 9506.19.80.40. The leading suppliers of U.S. imports in 2011 were Taiwan (27 percent of total U.S. imports), China (21 percent), Austria (18 percent), Italy (15 percent), Lithuania (11 percent), and the Czech Republic (6 percent). Combined, those six countries accounted for 98 percent of total U.S. imports of Alpine poles and parts in 2011.

IV. Estimated effect on customs revenue

Table with 6 columns: Subject product HTS subheading(s), 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017. Rows include Col.1-general rate of duty or percentage point reduction (%), Estimated value of dutiable imports (\$), and Customs revenue loss (\$).

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	Snowsports Industries America (Interested entity) David Ingemie	703-506-4425	No	No	No
2	Goode David Goode	801-621-2300	No	No	No
3	Head Wintersports Peter Orvek	203-855-8666	No	No	No
4	Leki USA Greg Wozer	716-683-1022	No	No	No
5	Masters Steve Kvinlaug	603-448-3101	No	No	No
6	Rossignol Francois Goulet	435-252-3300	No	No	No
7	Scott Sports Larry Morton	208-622-1000	No	No	No
8	Swix Steve Poulin	978-657-4820	No	No	No

112TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 5104

To suspend temporarily the duty on ski poles and parts and accessories thereof.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 27, 2012

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

A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on ski poles and parts and accessories thereof.

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. SKI POLES AND PARTS AND ACCESSORIES**

4 **THEREOF.**

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	Ski poles and parts and accessories thereof (provided for in subheading 9506.19.80)	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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