



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)):

Ferroniobium containing by weight less than 0.02 percent of phosphorus or sulfur or less than 0.4 percent of silicon (provided for in subheading 7202.93.40)

(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 product, commonly known as "vacuum-grade ferroniobium," is used in the manufacture of steel products by vacuum melting, and for applications requiring ferroniobium with very low content levels of sulfur, phosphorus, or silicon. Imports are from Brazil (about 85 percent), the United Kingdom, and Germany. Ferroniobium is also called "ferrocolumbium." There is at least one domestic producer as noted below in the contacts table.

IV. Estimated effect on customs revenue

Table with 6 columns: Item, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017. Rows include Subject product HTS subheading(s) (7202.93.40), Col.1-general rate of duty or percentage point reduction (%), Estimated value of dutiable imports (\$), and Customs revenue loss (\$). Includes a note about the 5-year period and the Commission's role.

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 American Iron and Steel Institute (Interested entity) Beth DeBrosse	202-452-7208	No	No	No
	2 Ametek Reading Alloys Graham Walker	610-693-5822	Yes	Yes	No
	3 AMG Vanadium, Inc. Jim Carter	740-432-6345	No	No	No
	4 Nucor Corp. Eileen Bradner	202-370-4332	No	No	No
	5 Reference Metals Jim Boyle	412-221-7008	No	No	No

112TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 5467

To suspend temporarily the duty on vacuum-grade ferroniobium or
ferrocolombium.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 7, 2012

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

A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on vacuum-grade
ferroniobium or ferrocolombium.

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. VACUUM-GRADE FERRONIOBIUM OR**
4 **FERROCOLOMBIUM.**

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	Ferro-niobium containing by weight less than 0.02 percent of phosphorus or sulfur or less than 0.4 percent of silicon (provided for in subheading 7202.93.40)	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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