



MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION of the 112th Congress

Date approved July 9, 2012

I. Background

Bill number: H.R. 4711

Sponsor name: Mr. S. Brett Guthrie

Sponsor state: KY

Interested entity:

Name Russell Brands LLC, Spalding Division

City Bowling Green

State KY

Other bills on product (112th Congress only): S. 2797 (Mr. John F. Kerry, MA)

Nature of bill: Extension of temporary duty suspension

Expiration date: December 31, 2015

Current or previous chapter 99 heading: 9902.13.08

Retroactive date: None

CAS number (if applicable): None

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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)):

Leather basketballs (provided for in subheading 9506.62.80)

(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

Basketballs have covers made of different materials, including leather, rubber, or various man-made materials. All basketballs have a core composed of a butyl, natural, or combination rubber bladder (with molded inflation valve) that is subsequently wound with a polyester or nylon material to protect it and maintain its shape. A partially cured rubber carcass consisting of two half shells is placed over the wound core and cured under pressure in a hot mold. The carcasses for the subject leather basketballs are formed by molds that produce a smooth, black, round surface with raised ridges that provided channels for the cover material. Die-cut leather panels are then affixed with glue and hand-assembled into the channels so that a high pressure molding process ensures a tight bond of the leather cover materials to the carcass. Leather covered basketballs are primarily designed for indoor use. Basketballs are typically produced in "youth," "intermediate," and "official" sizes.

China was the dominant source of U.S. imports of rubber basketballs in 2011, followed by Thailand, with the majority of the remainder coming from Malaysia, Vietnam, and the Dominican Republic.

IV. Estimated effect on customs revenue

Subject product HTS subheading(s)	9506.62.80				
Item	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Col.1-general rate of duty (%)	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.8
Estimated value of <i>dutiable</i> imports (\$)	1,300,000	1,300,000	1,300,000	1,300,000	1,300,000
Customs revenue loss (\$)	62,400	62,400	62,400	62,400	62,400

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

S. 2797 is identical to H.R. 4711.

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	Russell Brands LLC, Spalding Division (Interested entity) Charles Sanders	270-935-2184	No	No	No
	2	Adidas Paul Ehrlich	971-234-2394	No	No	No
	3	Antioch Sporting Goods Steve Pipoly	623-341-1221	No	No	No
	4	Baden Sports Michael Schindler	253-925-0500	No	No	No
	5	Champion Howard Meller	732-294-5561	No	No	No
	6	Champro Sports Megan Hunt	847-229-4050	No	No	No
	7	Escalade Sports Michael Guerzini	812-467-1233	No	No	No
	8	Franklin Sports Larry Franklin, Joe O'Connor	781-344-1111	No	No	No
	9	GameMaster Athletic Garret Kamstra	859-746-9800 x107	No	No	No
	10	K Concepts Kurt Kay	717-843-3873	No	No	No
	11	Markwort Sporting Goods Co. Herbert W. Markwort	314-652-8935	No	No	No
	12	Mikasa Sports USA Nick Bettis	706-369-9370	No	No	No
	13	Molten USA Inc. Leigh Ann Davis	775-353-4000 x 217	No	No	No
	14	NBA Properties Lauren Hendricks	212-407-8000	No	No	No
	15	Nike Jennifer Bendall	202-543-6453	No	No	No
	16	Olympia Sports Bill Mulka	743-761-5173	No	No	No
	17	Park & Sun Ron Padilla	303-935-8449	No	No	No
	18	Sporting Goods Manufacturers Association Bill Sells	301-495-6321 x 417	No	No	No

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	19	Under Armour/PSI91 Dan Touhey	855-848-7832	No	No	No
	20	Rawlings Sporting Goods Robert Parish	314-819-2801	No	No	No
	21	Reebok International Ltd. Erik Bodenhofer	781-401-7288	No	No	No
	22	Regent Sports Stacie Ewing	631-297-6646	No	No	No
	23	Tachikara USA Inc. Roger Revelle	913-498-1881	No	No	No
	24	UniSource Global Solutions Carl Ferraro	516-606-0605	No	No	No
	25	Wilson Sporting Goods Company Chris Considine	773-714-6860	No	No	No

112TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 4711

To extend the temporary suspension of duty on leather basketballs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 25, 2012

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

A BILL

To extend the temporary suspension of duty on leather
basketballs.

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. LEATHER BASKETBALLS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Heading 9902.13.08 of the Har-
5 monized Tariff Schedule of the United States (relating to
6 leather basketballs) is amended by striking “12/31/2012”
7 and inserting “12/31/2015”.

8 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
9 subsection (a) apply with respect to goods entered, or

- 1 withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after
- 2 the 15th day after the date of enactment of this Act.

