



## 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/](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)):**

Women's belts of leather or of composition leather with or without buckles, each valued \$7 or higher (provided for in subheading 4203.30.00)

(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 women's leather belts valued at \$7.00 or higher. They are likely sold by apparel retailers marketing medium- to higher-priced goods. These leather belts are imported primarily from China, and to a lesser extent from Italy.

**IV. Estimated effect on customs revenue**

Subject product HTS subheading(s)	4203.30.00				
Item	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Col.1-general rate of duty or percentage point reduction (%)	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7
Estimated value of <i>dutiable</i> imports (\$)	45,000,000	47,000,000	50,000,000	52,000,000	55,000,000
Customs revenue loss (\$)	1,215,000	1,269,000	1,350,000	1,404,000	1,485,000

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 article description was edited slightly to conform more closely with the language of heading 4203.

**VI. Continuation**

## 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	ANN, Inc. (Interested entity) Bryan J. Wolfe	212-536-4183	No	No	No
	2	American Apparel and Footwear Association Nate Herman	703-797-9062	No	No	No
	3	American Manufacturing Trade Action Coalition Sara Beatty	202-452-0866	No	No	No
	4	National Council of Textile Organizations Mike Hubbard	704-215-4540	No	No	No

112TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 5173

To suspend temporarily the duty on women's belts of leather or composition leather, each valued \$7.00 or higher.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 27, 2012

Mrs. MALONEY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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## 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. WOMEN'S BELTS OF LEATHER OR COMPOSI-**  
4 **TION LEATHER, EACH VALUED \$7.00 OR HIGH-**  
5 **ER.**

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	Women’s belts of leather or composition leather, each valued \$7.00 or higher (provided for in sub-heading 4203.30.00) .....	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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