



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)):

Manganese flake containing at least 99.5 percent by weight manganese (provided for in subheading 8111.00.47)

(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 is a metal that is used as an alloying addition in the production of iron, steel, and aluminum. Manganese flake is a pure form of manganese that is produced by an electrolytic plating method. It is used when lower-priced manganese alloys cannot be used due to restrictions imposed by the grade of steel being produced. Manganese flake is also ground into powder to be consumed as a hardening agent in aluminum alloys. The powder is either injected pneumatically into molten aluminum, or blended with aluminum powder and compacted into briquets that are added to molten aluminum. Electrolytic manganese flake is imported primarily from China.

IV. Estimated effect on customs revenue

Table with 6 columns: Item, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017. Rows include Subject product HTS subheading(s) (8111.00.47), 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	American Iron and Steel Institute (Interested entity) Beth DeBrosse	202-452-7208	No	No	No
2	American Minerals Corporation Jason Berger	515-327-6125	No	No	No
3	Chemalloy Tony Demos	610-527-3700	No	No	No
4	CMC Cometals Ryan Campbell	201-592-3249	No	No	No
5	Eramet Marietta, Inc. John Willoughby	740-376-5914	No	No	No
6	Nucor Inc. Eileen Bradner	202-370-4332	No	No	No

112TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 5469

To suspend temporarily the duty on manganese flake.

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 manganese flake.

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. MANGANESE FLAKE.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 99 of
5 the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States is
6 amended by inserting in numerical sequence the following
7 new heading:

“	9902.01.00	Manganese flake containing at least 99.5 percent by weight of manganese (provided for in subheading 8111.00.47)	Free	No change	No change	On or before 12/31/2015	”.
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8 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
9 subsection (a) applies to goods entered, or withdrawn from

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

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