



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)):

Electrically operated pencil sharpeners (provided for in subheading 8472.90.40).

(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 is an electric pencil sharpener, which is an electrically operated device used to sharpen wooden pencils. The primary components of an electric pencil sharpener include a rotating helical blade that rolls inside of an outer ring. The blade is mounted in an armature that is connected directly to the power train, a series of six gears, that transforms the high speed and low torque of the electric motor into low speed and high torque for the sharpening mechanism. The sharpener contains a sensor by which a pencil must pass to begin the sharpening process. China is the dominant supplier of electric pencil sharpeners to the United States.

IV. Estimated effect on customs revenue

Table with 6 columns: Item, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017. Rows include Subject product HTS subheading(s), Col.1-general rate of duty, 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

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	Elmer's Products, Inc. (Interested entity) David Coman	614-985-2758	No	No	No
	2	Jerry's Artarama Bob Marcus	919-878-6782	No	No	No
	3	Office Depot Inc. Melissa Perlman	561-438-0704	No	No	No
	4	Office Max, Inc. William Bonner	630-864-6066	No	No	No
	5	Stanley Black & Decker, Inc. Todd Langston	401-884-2500	No	No	No

112TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 5508

To extend the temporary suspension of duty on electrically operated pencil sharpeners.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 7, 2012

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

A BILL

To extend the temporary suspension of duty on electrically operated pencil sharpeners.

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. ELECTRICALLY OPERATED PENCIL SHARP-**
4 **ENERS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Heading 9902.22.82 of the Har-
6 monized Tariff Schedule of the United States (relating to
7 electrically operated pencil sharpeners) is amended by
8 striking the date in the effective period column and insert-
9 ing “12/31/2015”.

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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