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H. R. 1366

To correct the tariff rate inversion on certain iron and steel pipe and tube products.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. REGULA (for himself, Mr. BORSKI, Mr. VISCLOSKY, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. RIDGE, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, and Mr. MINETA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Pipe and Tube In-
5 verted Tariff Correction Act of 1993”.

6 **SEC. 2. NONALLOY IRON AND STEEL PIPES AND TUBES.**

7 (a) The superior article description for subheadings
8 7306.30.30 and 7306.30.50 of the Harmonized Tariff
9 Schedule of the United States (19 U.S.C. 3007) is amend-

1 ed to read as follows: “Having a wall thickness of 1.65
2 mm or more, not galvanized:”.

3 (b) Subheadings 7306.30.30 and 7306.30.50 are re-
4 designated as subheadings 7306.30.35 and 7306.30.55,
5 respectively.

6 (c) Subheadings 7306.10.10, 7306.20.60, 7306.30.55
7 (as redesignated by paragraph (b)), and 7306.90.10 are
8 each amended—

9 (1) by striking “1.9%” in column 1 General
10 and inserting “4.9%”; and

11 (2) by striking “5.5%” in column 2 and insert-
12 ing “20%”.

13 (d) Subheadings 7306.20.20 and 7306.60.10 are
14 each amended—

15 (1) by striking “0.5%” in column 1 General
16 and inserting “4.9%”; and

17 (2) by striking “1%” in column 2 and inserting
18 “20%”.

19 (e) Chapter 73 is amended by inserting in numerical
20 order the following new subheading having the same de-
21 gree of indentation as the superior text for subheadings
22 7306.30.35 and 7306.30.55 (as redesignated by para-
23 graph (b)):

7306.30.60	Having a wall thickness of 1.65 mm or more, galva- nized	6.5%	Free (C, E, IL) 1.1% (CA)	21.5%	”.
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1 **SEC. 3. ALLOY IRON AND STEEL PIPES AND TUBES.**

2 (a) Subheadings 7306.50.50 and 7306.90.50 are each
3 amended—

4 (1) by striking “4.9%” in column 1 General
5 and inserting “9.5%”; and

6 (2) by striking “10%” in column 2 and insert-
7 ing “28%”.

8 **SEC. 4. STAINLESS STEEL PIPES AND TUBES.**

9 (a) Subheading 7306.40.10 is amended by striking
10 “7.6%” in column 1 General and inserting “10.1%”.

11 (b) Subheading 7306.40.50 is amended—

12 (1) by striking “5%” in column 1 General and
13 inserting “10.1%”; and

14 (2) by striking “11%” in column 2 and insert-
15 ing “29%”.

16 **SEC. 5. NEGOTIATING AUTHORITY.**

17 In the event that a claim for compensation under any
18 provision of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
19 or any other trade agreement to which the United States
20 is a party is made by any Contracting Party to that agree-
21 ment as a result of the amendments made by this section,
22 the United States Trade Representative is authorized to
23 negotiate such reasonable compensation as may be appro-
24 priate.

1 **SEC. 6. APPLICABILITY OF STAGED RATE REDUCTIONS**
2 **UNDER THE UNITED STATES-CANADA FREE-**
3 **TRADE AGREEMENT.**

4 (a) Any staged reduction under the United States-
5 Canada Free-Trade Agreement of special rates of duty for
6 Canada set forth in subheading 7306.30.30 applies to the
7 corresponding special rate of duty set forth in subheading
8 7306.30.35.

9 (b) Any staged reduction under the United States-
10 Canada Free-Trade Agreement of special rates of duty for
11 Canada set forth in subheading 7306.30.50 applies to the
12 corresponding special rate of duty set forth in subheading
13 7306.30.55.

14 (c) Any staged reduction under the United States-
15 Canada Free-Trade Agreement of special rates of duty for
16 Canada set forth in subheading 7306.30.55 (as redesign-
17 nated by subsection (a)(2)) also applies to the correspond-
18 ing special rate of duty set forth in subheading
19 7306.30.60.

20 **SEC. 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

21 Except as provided in section 8, the amendments
22 made by sections 2, 3 and 4, shall apply with respect to
23 goods entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consump-
24 tion, beginning on—

25 (a) the date on which the President enters into a mul-
26 tilateral trade agreement negotiated through the Uruguay

1 Round under the General Agreement on Tariffs and
2 Trade; or

3 (b) January 1, 1994.

4 **SEC. 8. WAIVER.**

5 In the event that—

6 (a) negotiations on market access and tariffs in the
7 General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade provide for a
8 tariff rate elimination schedule on steel products that will
9 remove the tariff rate inversion on certain pipe and tube
10 products; and

11 (b) the President or the United States Trade Rep-
12 resentative certifies in writing to the Committee on Ways
13 and Means of the House of Representatives and the Com-
14 mittee on Finance of the Senate that such schedule will
15 eliminate such tariff inversion;

16 the provisions of this section shall not take effect.

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