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# H. R. 2106

To exempt certain small businesses from the increased tariffs and other retaliatory measures imposed against products of the European Union in response to the banana regime of the European Union and its treatment of imported bovine meat.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 9, 1999

Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. DELAHUNT, Mr. ANDREWS, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. FROST, Mr. EVANS, and Mr. ALLEN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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## A BILL

To exempt certain small businesses from the increased tariffs and other retaliatory measures imposed against products of the European Union in response to the banana regime of the European Union and its treatment of imported bovine meat.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. EXEMPTION OF CERTAIN SMALL BUSINESS**  
2 **FROM INCREASED TARIFFS ON CERTAIN**  
3 **PRODUCTS.**

4 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an im-  
5 porter of goods of the European Union that are subject  
6 to increased tariffs pursuant to the announcements of the  
7 United States Trade Representative—

8 (1) on March 3, 1999, in response to the ba-  
9 nana regime of the European Union, and

10 (2) on March 22, 1999, in response to the ban  
11 by the European Union on imports of beef from the  
12 United States that has been treated with scientif-  
13 ically-proven safe hormones,

14 or any other such increased tariffs or retaliatory actions  
15 imposed in response to the actions of the European Union  
16 described in paragraphs (1) and (2), shall be exempt, to  
17 the extent provided in section 2, from such increases or  
18 retaliatory actions if the importer had fewer than 100 em-  
19 ployees during the 2 preceding calendar quarters.

20 **SEC. 2. LIMITATION ON EXEMPTION.**

21 The exemption under section 1 shall apply to an im-  
22 porter in a calendar year for that quantity of an article  
23 which does not exceed 125 percent of the quantity of the  
24 same article that is a product of the European Union and

1 was imported by that importer during the preceding cal-  
2 endar year.

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