

MISCELLANEOUS TRADE AND TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS
ACT OF 1997

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submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H.R. 2622]

[Including cost estimate of the Congressional Budget Office]

The Committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 2622) to make miscellaneous and technical changes to various trade laws, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

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I. INTRODUCTION

A. PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

The provisions in H.R. 2622 fall into two groups. The first is a group of miscellaneous amendments to streamline the Customs laws. The second is a group of provisions to temporarily suspend the duty through 1999 for certain imported products for which there is no U.S. domestic manufacturer. The majority of the products covered by the temporary duty suspension provisions are chemicals, including those used to develop drugs to fight AIDS and cancer. Other provisions correct a tariff inversion relating to footwear, suspend the duty on certain textile filaments, and bring our laws into line with an international agreement on the duty-free importation of large scientific instruments.

B. BACKGROUND AND NEED FOR LEGISLATION

As part of the ongoing process of identifying technical changes to improve the efficiency of the trade laws, several legislative proposals have been submitted to the Subcommittee by the Administration and the public for possible consideration. In addition, Members have introduced legislation to provide temporary suspensions of duty or other rate changes on specific products.

On June 30, 1997, Chairman Crane requested written comments from parties interested in miscellaneous trade proposals (No. Tr-10), technical corrections to trade laws, and temporary suspensions of duty for specific products. In response to these comments, the Trade Subcommittee prepared a draft bill, including those provisions which were non-controversial based on the public comments, Administration review, and estimates by the Congressional Budget Office. The provisions also reflect technical comments by the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) and revisions proposed by the Administration.

C. LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

Committee bill

H.R. 2622, was introduced by Mr. Crane of Illinois, Chairman of the Subcommittee on Trade, on October 7, 1997, and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

The Committee on Ways and Means met to consider H.R. 2622, on October 8, 1997. The Committee ordered the bill favorably reported, without amendment, by voice vote, with a quorum present.

II. EXPLANATION OF PROVISIONS

A. TITLE I—MISCELLANEOUS TRADE CORRECTIONS

1. SEC. 101. REVIEW OF PROTESTS AGAINST DECISIONS OF CUSTOMS SERVICE

Present law

Section 515(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1515(a)) provides for administrative review of protests against decisions by the Customs Service.

Explanation of provision

The provision would amend section 515(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1515(a)) to provide that, within 30 days from the date an application for further review is filed, the appropriate Customs officer shall allow or deny the application and, if allowed, forward the protest to the Customs officer who will be conducting the further review.

Reason for change

The provision would require timely processing by Customs officers of applications for further review.

Effective Date

The provision would apply with respect to applications for further review filed on or after the date of enactment.

2. SEC. 102. FINISHED PETROLEUM DERIVATIVES DRAWBACK

Present law

Section 313(p)(2)(A)(iv) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1313(p)(2)(A)(iv)) provides for substitution drawback for finished petroleum derivatives.

Explanation of provision

The provision would require the Secretary of the Treasury to convene a working group of interested parties and, not later than March 31, 1998, publish regulations and, if necessary, submit legislation to the Congress, to modify and simplify the processing of finished petroleum derivatives drawback claims.

Reason for change

Section 313 of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1313) was amended by the North American Free Trade Agreements (NAFTA) Implementation Act [P.L. 103-182] to provide special accounting and attribution rules for drawback on petroleum products. The provision was intended to allow the petroleum industry to account for selected petroleum products on a quantitative basis, relieving Customs and industry of the problem of "tracking molecules" for the attribution of drawback. However, Customs' interpretation of 19 U.S.C. 1313(p)(2)(a)(iv) requires companies to track delivery of the actual imported petroleum in possession of the exporter. As such, companies are required to "track molecules." The proposed amendment would require the Secretary of the Treasury to convene a working group of interested parties and, not later than March 31, 1998 publish regulations and, if necessary, submit legislation to the Congress, to modify and simplify the processing of finished petroleum derivatives drawback claims. The Committee believes that the working group should seek to clarify the original intent of the Customs Modernization Act that selected petroleum products should be tracked on a quantitative basis for purposes of substitution drawback.

Effective date

The provision would be effective as of the date of enactment.

3. SEC. 103. DRAWBACK AND REFUND OF PACKAGING MATERIAL

Present law

Section 313 of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1313) was amended by the North American Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act [P.L. 103-182] to insert a new subsection (q) allowing drawback of packaging materials, where the packaging is “used” by filling prior to exportation.

Explanation of provision

The provision would amend section 313(q) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1313(q)) by inserting a new paragraph for drawback-eligible packaging material filled prior to exportation. The provision would state that packaging materials produced in the United States, which are used by the manufacturer or any other person for articles which are exported or destroyed, would be eligible for a drawback refund of 99 percent of any duty, tax, or fee imposed on the importation of materials used to manufacture the packaging materials.

Reason for change

Customs interprets “use” by filling to be limited to the manufacturer of the packaging material and that filling may not be performed by another company. The amendment would also permit drawback on packaging materials used by a person other than the manufacturer of the container.

Effective Date

The provision would be effective as it applies to goods entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after the date of enactment.

4. SEC. 104. INCLUSION OF COMMERCIAL IMPORTATION DATA FROM FOREIGN-TRADE ZONES UNDER THE NATIONAL CUSTOMS AUTOMATION PROGRAM

Present law

Section 411 of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1411) established the National Customs Automation Program (NCAP), including a program for the automation of electronic filing.

Explanation of provision

The provision would amend section 411 of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1411) relating to the NCAP, to require Customs to provide, no later than January 1, 1999, for the inclusion under the program of commercial importation data from foreign trade zones.

Reason for change

Customs has not developed a system for the automation of electronic filing of importation data from foreign-trade zones. The provision would establish a deadline for the development and implementation of such a system.

Effective Date

The provision would be effective as of the date of enactment.

5. SEC. 105. TREATMENT OF INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL MERCHANDISE
HELD AT CUSTOMS-APPROVED STORAGE ROOMS

Present law

Section 557(a)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1557(a)(1)) authorizes entry of dutiable merchandise in Customs-approved bonded warehouses and requires its withdrawal within 5 years for consumption upon payment of duties or for exportation.

Explanation of provision

The provision would amend section 557(a)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1557(a)(1)) to include International Travel Merchandise (ITM) among the merchandise which may be retained in a bonded warehouse for 5 years from the date of importation, thereby replacing the Customs Approved Storage Room (CASR) concept.

Reason for change

International Travel Merchandise (ITM) consists of in-flight merchandise sold on board international air carriers after departure from U.S. Customs territory. Presently, ITM is imported into the United States under bond and moved to CASRs, where merchandise is stored, repackaged and under Customs supervision. A Customs provision applies a six-month limit to goods placed in CASRs. The amendment would apply the same 5-year time limit to ITM as currently applies to merchandise in bonded warehouses. This change would make ITM appropriate for storage in a bonded warehouse for up to five years, replacing the CASR concept.

The intent is to recognize that ITM operations are not duty-free enterprises, subject to section 1555(b) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1555(b)), but a wholly unique business enterprise. The Committee intent is that Customs provide, through regulations, for the application of the benefits, privileges, and responsibilities of other classes of bonded warehouses in a new "Class X" category, which recognizes the unique features of ITM operations.

Effective Date

The provision would be effective as it applies to goods entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after the date of enactment.

6. SEC. 106. ENTRIES OF NAFTA-ORIGIN GOODS

Present law

Section 520(d) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1520(d)), outlines the statutory authority by which a good qualifies for a NAFTA preference under the NAFTA rules of origin. Under the NAFTA Implementation Act [P.L. 103-182] merchandise processing fees (MPFs) are not imposed on goods originating in NAFTA countries. To claim a NAFTA preference, an importer must provide a valid certificate of origin. Importers often pay duties and the MPF

on a good they know is NAFTA-eligible, with the expectation that the MPF will be refunded later as an excess duty when NAFTA-eligibility is proven. Customs has taken the position that MPFs are not refundable excess duties under section 520(d).

Section 514(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1514(a)) outlines the statutory authority for filing protests against decisions of the Customs Service relating to claims for a NAFTA preference. An importer may not claim a NAFTA preference before receiving a valid certificate of origin issued by the exporter. Many importers do not have a certificate of origin at the time goods are entered, and subsequently file post-entry claims when a valid certificate of origin is received. If the entry is liquidated before receiving a certificate of origin, importers generally protest the liquidation under section 514. However, this action prevents the liquidation from becoming final before the valid NAFTA-eligibility claim is made. Customs has taken the position that protests under section 514 are inapplicable to NAFTA claims, and that such claims must be filed under section 520(d) of the Tariff Act of 1930 within one year from the date of entry.

Explanation of provision

Section (a) of this provision would amend section 520(d) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1520(d)) to clarify that MPFs may be refunded along with excess duties if NAFTA-eligibility is proven.

Section (b) of this provision would amend section 514(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1514(a)) to ensure that if an importer is entitled to a NAFTA preference, there is a method for obtaining a refund of the duties paid at the time of entry. The provision would clarify that importers may use the protest procedure under section 514.

Reason for change

Section (a) of this provision is necessary to clarify that MPFs may be refunded along with excess duties if NAFTA-eligibility is proven.

Section (b) of this provision is necessary to ensure that if an importer is entitled to a NAFTA preference, there is a method for obtaining a refund of the duties paid at the time of entry. The provision is also necessary to clarify that importers may use the protest procedure under section 514.

Effective Date

The provision would be effective as it applies to goods entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after the date of enactment.

7. SEC. 107. OVERTIME AND PREMIUM PAY OF CUSTOMS OFFICERS

Present law

Section 5(c)(1) of the Act of February 13, 1911 (19 U.S.C. 267(c)(1)) provides that the aggregate of overtime and premium pay that a Customs officer may be paid in any fiscal year may not exceed \$25,000.

The House-Senate Conference Report for fiscal year 1998 appropriations for Treasury, Postal, and General Government, sent to the President on October 1, 1997, included a provision that would increase the fiscal year “cap” on overtime and premium pay earnings for Customs officers to \$30,000.

Explanation of provision

The provision would state that, notwithstanding any other provision of the law, section 5(c)(1) of the Act of February 13, 1911 (19 U.S.C. 267(c)(1)) would provide that the aggregate of overtime and premium pay that a Customs officer may be paid in any fiscal year may not exceed \$25,000.

Reason for change

The provision would restore the *status quo ante* with regard to Customs overtime and premium pay, a matter within the jurisdiction of the Committee on Ways and Means.

Effective date

The provision would be effective as of the date of enactment.

B. TITLE II—TEMPORARY DUTY SUSPENSIONS AND RELATED PROVISIONS

1. SEC. 201. ANTI-HIV/ANTI-AIDS DRUGS

Present law

3-(Acetyloxy)-2-methyl-Benzoic acid is subject to an MFN duty of 11.4% *ad valorem*.

Explanation of provision

The provision would amend chapter 99, subchapter II of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) by inserting a new heading 9902.32.05 for the chemical 3-(Acetyloxy)-2-methyl-Benzoic acid (CAS No. 168899-58-9) (provided for in subheading 2918.29.65) used in the production of anti-HIV/anti-AIDS drugs, as temporarily duty free until December 31, 2000.

Reason for change

The provision is necessary to amend chapter 99, subchapter II of the HTS to insert a new heading 9902.32.05 for the chemical 3-(Acetyloxy)-2-methyl-Benzoic acid (CAS No. 168899-58-9) (provided for in subheading 2918.29.65) used in the development of a new, more efficient manufacturing route for nelfinavir, a recently approved anti-HIV protease inhibitor drug, as temporarily duty free until December 31, 2000. As there is no known domestic production of this chemical, all necessary quantities must be imported.

Effective date

The amendment made by this section applies with respect to goods entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after date of the enactment of this Act.

2. SEC. 202. ANTI-CANCER DRUGS

Present law

(S)-N-[[5-[2-(2-amino-4,6,7,8-tetrahydro-4-oxo-1H-pyrimido[5,4-b][1,4]thiazin-6-yl)ethyl]-2-thienyl]carbonyl]-L-glutamic acid diethyl ester is subject to an MFN duty of 3.7% *ad valorem*.

Explanation of provision

The provision would amend chapter 99, subchapter II of the HTS by inserting a new heading 9902.32.16 for the chemical (S)-N-[[5-[2-(2-amino-4,6,7,8-tetrahydro-4-oxo-1H-pyrimido[5,4-b][1,4]thiazin-6-yl)ethyl]-2-thienyl]carbonyl]-L-glutamic acid diethyl ester (CAS No. 177575-19-8) (provided for in subheading 2930.90.90) used in the production of anti-cancer drugs, as temporarily duty free until December 31, 2000.

Reason for change

The provision is necessary to amend chapter 99, subchapter II of the HTS to insert a new heading 9902.32.16 for the chemical (S)-N-[[5-[2-(2-amino-4,6,7,8-tetrahydro-4-oxo-1H-pyrimido[5,4-b][1,4]thiazin-6-yl)ethyl]-2-thienyl]carbonyl]-L-glutamic acid diethyl ester (CAS No. 177575-19-8) (provided for in subheading 2930.90.90) as temporarily duty free until December 31, 2000. The chemical is used in the production of newly-developed anti-cancer drugs which are currently undergoing testing. There was no known significant domestic production of this chemical during the past five years.

Effective date

The amendment made by this section applies with respect to goods entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after date of the enactment of this Act.

3. SEC. 203. 2-AMINO-5-BROMO-6-METHYL-4-(1H)-QUINAZOLINONE

Present law

2-Amino-5-bromo-6-methyl-4-(1H)-quinazolinone is subject to an MFN duty rate of 7.1% *ad valorem*.

Explanation of provision

The provision would amend chapter 99, subchapter II of the HTS by inserting a new heading 9902.32.20 for the chemical 2-Amino-5-bromo-6-methyl-4-(1H)-quinazolinone (CAS No. 147149-89-1) (provided for in subheading 2933.90.97) used in the production of anti-cancer drugs, as temporarily duty free until December 31, 2000.

Reason for change

The provision is necessary to amend chapter 99, subchapter II of the HTS to insert a new heading 9902.32.20 for the chemical 2-Amino-5-bromo-6-methyl-4-(1H)-quinazolinone (CAS No. 147149-89-1) (provided for in subheading 2933.90.97) as temporarily duty free until December 31, 2000. The chemical is used in the production of newly-developed anti-cancer drugs which are currently under-

going testing. There was no known significant domestic production of this chemical during the past five years.

Effective date

The amendment made by this section applies with respect to goods entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after date of the enactment of this Act.

4. SEC. 204. 2-AMINO-6-METHYL-5-(4-PYRIDINYLTIO)-4-(1H)-
QUINAZOLINONE

Present law

2-Amino-6-methyl-5-(4-pyridinylthio)-4-(1H)-quinazolinone is subject to an MFN duty rate of 7.1% *ad valorem*.

Explanation of provision

The provision would amend chapter 99, subchapter II of the HTS by inserting a new heading 9902.32.21 for the chemical 2-Amino-6-methyl-5-(4-pyridinylthio)-4-(1H)-quinazolinone (CAS No. 147149-76-6) (provided for in subheading 2933.90.97) used in the production of anti-cancer drugs as temporarily duty free until December 31, 2000.

Reason for change

The provision is necessary to amend chapter 99, subchapter II of the HTS to insert a new heading 9902.32.21 for the chemical 2-Amino-6-methyl-5-(4-pyridinylthio)-4-(1H)-quinazolinone (CAS No. 147149-76-6) (provided for in subheading 2933.90.97) as temporarily duty free until December 31, 2000. The chemical is used in the production of newly-developed anti-cancer drugs which are currently undergoing testing. There was no known significant domestic production of this chemical during the past five years.

Effective date

The amendment made by this section applies with respect to goods entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after date of the enactment of this Act.

5. SEC. 205. 2-AMINO-5-NITROTHIAZOLE

Present law

2-Amino-5-nitrothiazole is subject to an MFN duty rate of 7.1% *ad valorem*.

Explanation of provision

The provision would amend chapter 99, subchapter II of the HTS by inserting a new heading 9902.32.60 for 2-Amino-5-nitrothiazole (CAS No. 121-66-4) (provided for in subheading 2934.10.90) as temporarily duty free until December 31, 2000.

Reason for change

The provision is necessary to amend chapter 99, subchapter II of the HTS to insert a new heading 9902.32.60 for 2-Amino-5-nitrothiazole (CAS No. 121-66-4) (provided for in subheading 2934.10.90) as temporarily duty free until December 31, 2000. The

chemical is used to produce certain synthetic dyes which compete with similar dyes made domestically or imported by other U.S. companies. However, there was no known domestic production of this chemical during 1994-97.

Effective date

The amendment made by this section applies with respect to goods entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after date of the enactment of this Act.

6. SEC. 206. 2-AMINO-5-NITROBENZENESULFONIC ACID, MONOSODIUM
SALT

Present law

2-Amino-5-nitrobenzenesulfonic acid, monosodium salt is subject to an MFN duty rate of 1.7¢/kg + 15.1% *ad valorem*.

Explanation of provision

The provision would amend chapter 99, subchapter II of the HTS by inserting a new heading 9902.32.32 for 2-Amino-5-nitrobenzenesulfonic acid, monosodium salt (CAS No. 30693-53-9) (provided for in subheading 2921.42.90) as temporarily duty free until December 31, 2000.

Reason for change

The provision is necessary to amend chapter 99, subchapter II of the HTS to insert a new heading 9902.32.32 for 2-Amino-5-nitrobenzenesulfonic acid, monosodium salt (CAS No. 30693-53-9) (provided for in subheading 2921.42.90) as temporarily duty free until December 31, 2000. The chemical is used to produce certain synthetic dyes which compete with similar dyes made domestically or imported by other U.S. companies. However, there was no known domestic production of this chemical during 1994-97.

Effective date

The amendment made by this section applies with respect to goods entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after date of the enactment of this Act.

7 SEC. 207. 2-AMINO-5-NITROBENZENESULFONIC ACID,
MONOAMMONIUM SALT

Present law

2-Amino-5-nitrobenzenesulfonic acid, monoammonium salt is subject to an MFN duty rate of 1.7¢/kg + 15.1% *ad valorem*.

Explanation of provision

The provision would amend chapter 99, subchapter II of the HTS by inserting a new heading 9902.32.34 for 2-Amino-5-nitrobenzenesulfonic acid, monoammonium salt (CAS No. 4346-51-4) (provided for in subheading 2921.42.90) as temporarily duty free until December 31, 2000.

Reason for change

The provision is necessary to amend chapter 99, subchapter II of the HTS to insert a new heading 9902.32.34 for 2-Amino-5-nitrobenzenesulfonic acid, monoammonium salt (CAS No. 4346-51-4) (provided for in subheading 2921.42.90) as temporarily duty free until December 31, 2000. The chemical is used to produce certain synthetic dyes which compete with similar dyes made domestically or imported by other U.S. companies. However, there was no known domestic production of this chemical during 1994-97.

Effective date

The amendment made by this section applies with respect to goods entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after date of the enactment of this Act.

8. SEC. 208. 2-AMINO-5-NITROBENZENESULFONIC ACID

Present law

2-Amino-5-nitrobenzenesulfonic acid is subject to an MFN duty rate of 1.7¢/kg + 15.1% *ad valorem*.

Explanation of provision

The provision would amend chapter 99, subchapter II of the HTS by inserting a new heading 9902.32.36 for 2-Amino-5-nitrobenzenesulfonic acid (CAS No. 96-75-3) (provided for in subheading 2921.42.90) as temporarily duty free until December 31, 2000.

Reason for change

The provision is necessary to amend chapter 99, subchapter II of the HTS to insert a new heading 9902.32.36 for 2-Amino-5-nitrobenzenesulfonic acid (CAS No. 96-75-3) (provided for in subheading 2921.42.90) as temporarily duty free until December 31, 2000. The chemical is used to produce certain synthetic dyes which compete with similar dyes made domestically or imported by other U.S. companies. However, there was no known domestic production of this chemical during 1994-97.

Effective date

The amendment made by this section applies with respect to goods entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after date of the enactment of this Act.

9. SEC. 209. 3-(4,5-DIHYDRO-3-METHYL-5-OXO-1H-PYRAZOL-1-YL)BENZENESULFONIC ACID

Present law

3-(4,5-Dihydro-3-methyl-5-oxo-1H-pyrazol-1-yl) benzenesulfonic acid is subject to an MFN duty rate of 2.6¢/kg + 13.3% *ad valorem*.

Explanation of provision

The provision would amend chapter 99, subchapter II of the HTS by inserting a new heading 9902.32.38 for 3-(4,5-Dihydro-3-methyl-5-oxo-1H-pyrazol-1-yl) benzenesulfonic acid (CAS No. 119-17-5)

(provided for in subheading 2933.19.43) as temporarily duty free until December 31, 2000.

Reason for change

The provision is necessary to amend chapter 99, subchapter II of the HTS to insert a new heading 9902.32.38 for 3-(4,5-Dihydro-3-methyl-5-oxo-1H-pyrazol-1-yl) benzenesulfonic acid (CAS No. 119-17-5) (provided for in subheading 2933.19.43) as temporarily duty free until December 31, 2000. The chemical is used to produce certain synthetic dyes which compete with similar dyes made domestically or imported by other U.S. companies. However, there was no known domestic production of this chemical during 1994-97.

Effective date

The amendment made by this section applies with respect to goods entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after date of the enactment of this Act.

10. SEC. 210. 4-CHLORO-3-NITROBENZENESULFONIC ACID

Present law

4-Chloro-3-nitrobenzenesulfonic acid is subject to an MFN duty rate of 2.6¢/kg + 12.8% ad valorem.

Explanation of provision

The provision would amend chapter 99, subchapter II of the HTS by inserting a new heading 9902.32.48 for 4-Chloro-3-nitrobenzenesulfonic acid (CAS No. 121-18-6) (provided for in subheading 2904.90.47) as temporarily duty free until December 31, 2000.

Reason for change

The provision is necessary to amend chapter 99, subchapter II of the HTS to insert a new heading 9902.32.48 for 4-Chloro-3-nitrobenzenesulfonic acid (CAS No. 121-18-6) (provided for in subheading 2904.90.47) as temporarily duty free until December 31, 2000. The chemical is used to produce certain synthetic dyes which compete with similar dyes made domestically or imported by other U.S. companies. However, there was no known domestic production of this chemical during 1994-97.

Effective date

The amendment made by this section applies with respect to goods entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after date of the enactment of this Act.

11. SEC. 211. 4-CHLORO-3-NITROBENZENESULFONIC ACID,
MONOPOTASSIUM SALT

Present law

4-Chloro-3-nitrobenzenesulfonic acid, monopotassium salt is subject to an MFN duty rate of 2.6¢/kg + 12.8% ad valorem.

Explanation of provision

The provision would amend chapter 99, subchapter II of the HTS by inserting a new heading 9902.32.50 for 4-Chloro-3-nitrobenzenesulfonic acid, monopotassium salt (CAS No. 6671-49-4) (provided for in subheading 2904.90.47) as temporarily duty free until December 31, 2000.

Reason for change

The provision is necessary to amend chapter 99, subchapter II of the HTS to insert a new heading 9902.32.50 for 4-Chloro-3-nitrobenzenesulfonic acid, monopotassium salt (CAS No. 6671-49-4) (provided for in subheading 2904.90.47) as temporarily duty free until December 31, 2000. The chemical is used to produce certain synthetic dyes which compete with similar dyes made domestically or imported by other U.S. companies. However, there was no known domestic production of this chemical during 1994-97.

Effective date

The amendment made by this section applies with respect to goods entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after date of the enactment of this Act.

12. SEC. 212. 4-CHLORO-3-NITROBENZENESULFONIC ACID, MONOSODIUM SALT

Present law

4-Chloro-3-nitrobenzenesulfonic acid, monosodium salt is subject to an MFN duty rate of 11.1% *ad valorem*.

Explanation of provision

The provision would amend chapter 99, subchapter II of the HTS by inserting a new heading 9902.32.52 for 4-Chloro-3-nitrobenzenesulfonic acid, monosodium salt (CAS No. 17691-19-9) (provided for in subheading 2904.90.40) as temporarily duty free until December 31, 2000.

Reason for change

The provision is necessary to amend chapter 99, subchapter II of the HTS to insert a new heading 9902.32.52 for 4-Chloro-3-nitrobenzenesulfonic acid, monosodium salt (CAS No. 17691-19-9) (provided for in subheading 2904.90.40) as temporarily duty free until December 31, 2000. The chemical is used to produce certain synthetic dyes which compete with similar dyes made domestically or imported by other U.S. companies. However, there was no known domestic production of this chemical during 1994-97.

Effective date

The amendment made by this section applies with respect to goods entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after date of the enactment of this Act.

13. SEC. 213. 2-METHYL-5-NITROBENZENESULFONIC ACID

Present law

2-Methyl-5-nitrobenzenesulfonic acid is subject to an MFN duty rate of 9.2% *ad valorem*.

Explanation of provision

The provision would amend chapter 99, subchapter II of the HTS by inserting a new heading 9902.32.54 for 2-Methyl-5-nitrobenzenesulfonic acid (CAS No. 121-03-9) (provided for in subheading 2904.90.20) as temporarily duty free until December 31, 2000.

Reason for change

The provision is necessary to amend chapter 99, subchapter II of the HTS to insert a new heading 9902.32.54 for 2-Methyl-5-nitrobenzenesulfonic acid (CAS No. 121-03-9) (provided for in subheading 2904.90.20) as temporarily duty free until December 31, 2000. The chemical is used to produce certain synthetic dyes which compete with similar dyes made domestically or imported by other U.S. companies. However, there was no known domestic production of this chemical during 1994-97.

Effective date

The amendment made by this section applies with respect to goods entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after date of the enactment of this Act.

14. SEC. 214. 6-BROMO-2,4-DINITROANILINE

Present law

6-Bromo-2,4-dinitroaniline is subject to an MFN duty rate of 1.7¢/kg + 15.1% *ad valorem*.

Explanation of provision

The provision would amend chapter 99, subchapter II of the HTS by inserting a new heading 9902.32.22 for 6-Bromo-2,4-dinitroaniline (CAS No. 1817-73-8) (provided for in subheading 2921.42.90) as temporarily duty free until December 31, 2000.

Reason for change

The provision is necessary to amend chapter 99, subchapter II of the HTS to insert a new heading 9902.32.22 for 6-Bromo-2,4-dinitroaniline (CAS No. 1817-73-8) (provided for in subheading 2921.42.90) as temporarily duty free until December 31, 2000. The chemical is used to produce certain synthetic dyes which compete with similar dyes made domestically or imported by other U.S. companies. However, there was no known domestic production of this chemical during 1994-97.

Effective date

The amendment made by this section applies with respect to goods entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after date of the enactment of this Act.

15. SEC. 215. 4-CHLOROPYRIDINE HYDROCHLORIDE

Present law

4-Chloropyridine hydrochloride is subject to an MFN duty rate of 2.6¢/kg +13.3% *ad valorem*.

Explanation of provision

The provision would amend chapter 99, subchapter II of the HTS by inserting a new heading 9902.32.17 for the chemical 4-Chloropyridine hydrochloride (CAS No. 7379-35-3) (provided for in heading 2933.39.61) used in the production of anti-cancer drugs, as temporarily duty free until December 31, 2000.

Reason for change

The provision is necessary to amend chapter 99, subchapter II of the HTS to insert a new heading 9902.32.17 for the chemical 4-Chloropyridine hydrochloride (CAS No. 7379-35-3) (provided for in heading 2933.39.61) as temporarily duty free until December 31, 2000. The chemical is used in the production of three newly-developed anti-cancer drugs which are currently undergoing testing. There was no known significant domestic production of this chemical during the past five years.

Effective date

The amendment made by this section applies with respect to goods entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after date of the enactment of this Act.

16. SEC. 216. 3-ETHOXYCARBONYL-AMINOPHENYL-N-PHENYLCARBAMATE(DESME DIPHAM)

Present law

3-ethoxycarbonyl-aminophenyl-n-phenylcarbamate (Desmedipham) is subject to an MFN duty rate of 6.6% *ad valorem*.

Explanation of provision

The provision would amend chapter 99, subchapter II of the HTS by inserting a new heading 9902.31.12 for 3-ethoxycarbonyl-aminophenyl-n-phenylcarbamate (Desmedipham) (CAS No. 13684-56-5) (provided for in subheading 2924.29.41) as temporarily duty free until December 31, 1999.

Reason for change

The provision is necessary to amend chapter 99, subchapter II of the HTS to insert a new heading 9902.31.12 for 3-ethoxycarbonyl-aminophenyl-n-phenylcarbamate (Desmedipham) (CAS No. 13684-56-5) (provided for in subheading 2924.29.41) as temporarily duty free until December 31, 1999. There was no known domestic production of this chemical during 1994-96.

Effective date

The amendment made by this section applies with respect to goods entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after date of the enactment of this Act.

17. SEC. 217. [S-(R*,R*)]-2,3-DIHYDROXY-BUTANEDIOIC ACID

Present law

[S-(R*,R*)]-2,3-dihydroxy-Butanedioic acid is subject to an MFN duty rate of 4% *ad valorem*.

Explanation of provision

The provision would amend chapter 99, subchapter II of the HTS by inserting a new heading 9902.32.23 for the chemical [S-(R*,R*)]-2,3-dihydroxy-Butanedioic acid (CAS No. 147-71-7) (provided for in subheadings 2918.19.90 or 2918.90.50) used in the production of anti-HIV/anti-AIDS drugs, as temporarily duty free until December 31, 2000.

Reason for change

The provision is necessary to amend chapter 99, subchapter II of the HTS to insert a new heading 9902.32.23 for the chemical [S-(R*,R*)]-2,3-dihydroxy-Butanedioic acid (CAS No. 147-71-7) (provided for in subheadings 2918.19.90 or 2918.90.50) used in the development of a new, more efficient manufacturing route for nelfinavir, a recently approved anti-HIV protease inhibitor drug, as temporarily duty free until December 31, 2000. As there is no known domestic production of this chemical, all necessary quantities must be imported.

Effective date

The amendment made by this section applies with respect to goods entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after date of the enactment of this Act.

18. SEC. 218. (3S)-2,2-DIMETHYL-3-THIOMORPHOLINE CARBOXYLIC ACID

Present law

(3S)-2,2-Dimethyl-3-thiomorpholine carboxylic acid is subject to an MFN duty rate of 7.1% *ad valorem*.

Explanation of provision

The provision would amend chapter 99, subchapter II of the HTS by inserting a new heading 9902.32.19 for the chemical (3S)-2,2-Dimethyl-3-thiomorpholine carboxylic acid (CAS No. 84915-43-5) (provided for in heading 2934.90.90) used in the production of anti-cancer drugs, as temporarily duty free until December 31, 2000.

Reason for change

The provision is necessary to amend chapter 99, subchapter II of the HTS to insert a new heading 9902.32.19 for the chemical (3S)-2,2-Dimethyl-3-thiomorpholine carboxylic acid (CAS No. 84915-43-5) (provided for in heading 2934.90.90) as temporarily duty free until December 31, 2000. The chemical is used in the production of three newly-developed anti-cancer drugs which are currently undergoing testing. There was no known significant domestic production of this chemical during the past five years.

Effective date

The amendment made by this section applies with respect to goods entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after date of the enactment of this Act.

19. SEC. 219. DIIDOMETHYL-P-TOLYLSULFONE

Present law

Diiodomethyl-p-tolylsulfone is subject to an MFN duty rate of 10.7% *ad valorem*.

Explanation of provision

The provision would amend chapter 99, subchapter II of the HTS by inserting a new heading 9902.32.90 for Diiodomethyl-p-tolylsulfone (CAS No. 20018-09-1) (provided for in heading 2930.90.10) as temporarily duty free until December 31, 2000.

Reason for change

The provision is necessary to amend chapter 99, subchapter II of the HTS to insert a new heading 9902.32.90 for Diiodomethyl-p-tolylsulfone (CAS No. 20018-09-1) (provided for in heading 2930.90.10) as temporarily duty free until December 31, 2000. This chemical is produced overseas for cost and quality reasons and imported into the U.S. for use as a preservative in industries engaged in the production, storage, and use of products subject to microbial degradation.

Effective date

The amendment made by this section applies with respect to goods entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after date of the enactment of this Act.

20. SEC. 220. 2-ETHOXY-2,3-DIHYDRO-3,3-DIMETHYL-5-BENZOFURANYLMETHANESULFONATE (ETHOFUMESATE)

Present law

2-Ethoxy-2,3-dihydro-3,3-dimethyl-5-benzofuranyl-methanesulfonate (ethofumesate) as provided for in HTS subheading 2932.99.08 is subject to an MFN duty rate of 6.6% *ad valorem*; as provided for in HTS subheading 3808.30.15 is subject to an MFN duty rate of 0.7¢/kg +7.8% *ad valorem*.

Explanation of provision

The provision would amend chapter 99, subchapter II of the HTS by inserting a new heading 9902.31.20 for 2-Ethoxy-2,3-dihydro-3,3-dimethyl-5-benzofuranyl-methanesulfonate (ethofumesate) (CAS No. 26225-79-6) (provided for in subheadings 2932.99.08 and 3808.30.15) as temporarily duty free until December 31, 1999.

Reason for change

The provision is necessary to amend chapter 99, subchapter II of the HTS to insert a new heading 9902.31.20 for 2-Ethoxy-2,3-dihydro-3,3-dimethyl-5-benzofuranyl-methanesulfonate (ethofumesate) (CAS No. 26225-79-6) (provided for in subheadings

2932.99.08 and 3808.30.15) as temporarily duty free until December 31, 1999. There is no known domestically-produced chemical directly competitive with this chemical and there was no known U.S. production of this chemical during 1994-96.

Effective date

The amendment made by this section applies with respect to goods entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after date of the enactment of this Act.

21. SEC. 221. HIGH TENACITY SINGLE YARN OF VISCOSE RAYON

Present law

The high tenacity single yarn of viscose rayon described in this provision is subject to an MFN duty rate of 10% *ad valorem*.

Explanation of provision

The provision would amend chapter 99, subchapter II of the HTS by inserting a new heading 9902.54.03 for high tenacity single yarn of viscose rayon (provided for in subheading 5403.10.30) as temporarily duty free until December 31, 1999.

Reason for change

The provision is necessary to amend chapter 99, subchapter II of the HTS to insert a new heading 9902.54.03 for high tenacity single yarn of viscose rayon (provided for in subheading 5403.10.30) as temporarily duty free until December 31, 1999. There is no known domestic product directly competitive with this product. Suspending the duty on this yarn would lower costs for U.S. textile manufacturers.

Effective date

The amendment made by this section applies with respect to goods entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after date of the enactment of this Act.

22. SEC. 222. SKATING BOOTS FOR USE IN THE MANUFACTURE OF IN-LINE ROLLER SKATES

Present law

Skating boots for use in the manufacture of in-line roller skates described in HTS subheading 6404.11.90 have an MFN duty rate of 20% *ad valorem*.

Explanation of provision

The provision would amend chapter 99, subchapter II of the HTS by inserting a new heading 9902.64.04 for skating boots for use in the manufacture of in-line roller skates (provided for in subheading 6404.11.90) as temporarily duty free until December 31, 2000.

Reason for change

The provision is necessary to amend chapter 99, subchapter II of the HTS to insert a new heading 9902.64.04 for skating boots for use in the manufacture of in-line roller skates (provided for in subheading 6404.11.90) as temporarily duty free until December 31,

2000. The duties for these boots, which are currently not made in the United States, are outlined above. By contrast, imports of completely-assembled in-line skates containing such boots enter free of duty. This results in a tariff inversion which gives importers of in-line skates a competitive edge over U.S. producers of in-line skates.

Effective date

The amendment made by this section applies with respect to goods entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after date of the enactment of this Act.

23. SEC. 223. 2-4-DICHLORO-5-HYDRAZINO-PHENOL-MONOHYDROCHLORIDE

Present law

2-4-Dichloro-5-hydrazino-phenol-monohydrochloride is subject to an MFN duty rate of 6.8% *ad valorem*.

Explanation of provision

The provision would amend chapter 99, subchapter II of the HTS by inserting a new subheading under heading 9902.30.98 for 2-4-Dichloro-5-hydrazino-phenol-monohydrochloride (CAS No. 189573-21-5) (provided for in subheading 2928.00.25) as temporarily duty free until December 31, 1998.

Reason for change

The provision is necessary to amend chapter 99, subchapter II of the HTS to insert a new subheading under heading 9902.30.98 for 2-4-Dichloro-5-hydrazino-phenol-monohydrochloride (CAS No. 189573-21-5) (provided for in subheading 2928.00.25) as temporarily duty free until December 31, 1998. There was no known domestic production of this chemical during 1994-96.

Effective date

The amendment made by this section applies with respect to goods entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after date of the enactment of this Act.

24. SEC. 224. 3-MERCAPTO-D-VALINE

Present law

3-Mercapto-D-valine is subject to an MFN duty rate of 4.2% *ad valorem*.

Explanation of provision

The provision would amend chapter 99, subchapter II of the HTS by inserting a new heading 9902.32.18 for 3-Mercapto-D-valine (CAS No. 52-67-5) (provided for in subheading 2930.90.45) used in the production of anti-cancer drugs, as temporarily duty free until December 31, 2000.

Reason for change

The provision is necessary to amend chapter 99, subchapter II of the HTS to insert a new subheading under heading 9902.32.18 for 3-Mercapto-D-valine (CAS No. 52-67-5) (provided for in subheading

2930.90.45) as temporarily duty free until December 31, 1998. The chemical is used in the production of newly-developed anti-cancer drugs which are currently undergoing testing. There was no known significant domestic production of this chemical during the past five years.

Effective date

The amendment made by this section applies with respect to goods entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after date of the enactment of this Act.

25. SEC. 225. 6-AMINO-1,3-NAPHTHALENEDISULFONIC ACID

Present law

6-Amino-1,3-naphthalenedisulfonic acid is subject to an MFN duty rate of 1.7¢/kg + 15.1% *ad valorem*.

Explanation of provision

The provision would amend chapter 99, subchapter II of the HTS by inserting a new heading 9902.32.91 for 6-Amino-1,3-naphthalenedisulfonic acid (CAS No. 118-33-2) (provided for in subheading 2921.45.90) as temporarily duty free until December 31, 2000.

Reason for change

The provision is necessary to amend chapter 99, subchapter II of the HTS to insert a new heading 9902.32.91 for 6-Amino-1,3-naphthalenedisulfonic acid (CAS No. 118-33-2) (provided for in subheading 2921.45.90) as temporarily duty free until December 31, 2000. The chemical is used to produce certain synthetic dyes which compete with similar dyes made domestically or imported by other U.S. companies. However, there was no known domestic production of this chemical during 1994-97.

Effective date

The amendment made by this section applies with respect to goods entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after date of the enactment of this Act.

26. SEC. 226. 6-AMINO-1,3-NAPHTHALENEDISULFONIC ACID, DISODIUM SALT

Present law

6-Amino-1,3-naphthalenedisulfonic acid, disodium salt is subject to an MFN duty rate of 1.7¢/kg +15.1% *ad valorem*.

Explanation of provision

The provision would amend chapter 99, subchapter II of the HTS by inserting a new heading 9902.32.92 for 6-Amino-1,3-naphthalenedisulfonic acid, disodium salt (CAS No. 50976-35-7) (provided for in subheading 2921.45.90) as temporarily duty free until December 31, 2000.

Reason for change

The provision is necessary to amend chapter 99, subchapter II of the HTS to insert a new heading 9902.32.92 for 6-Amino-1,3-naphthalenedisulfonic acid, disodium salt (CAS No. 50976-35-7) (provided for in subheading 2921.45.90) as temporarily duty free until December 31, 2000. The chemical is used to produce certain synthetic dyes which compete with similar dyes made domestically or imported by other U.S. companies. However, there was no known production of this chemical during 1994-97.

Effective date

The amendment made by this section applies with respect to goods entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after date of the enactment of this Act.

27. SEC. 227. 7-ACETYLAMINO-4-HYDROXY-2-NAPHTHA-LENESULFONIC ACID, MONOSODIUM SALT.

Present law

7-Acetylamino-4-hydroxy-2-naphthalenesulfonic acid, monosodium salt is subject to an MFN duty rate of 11.4% *ad valorem*.

Explanation of provision

The provision would amend chapter 99, subchapter II of the HTS by inserting a new heading 9902.32.30 for 7-Acetylamino-4-hydroxy-2-naphthalenesulfonic acid, monosodium salt (CAS No. 42360-29-2) (provided for in subheading 2924.29.70) as temporarily duty free until December 31, 2000.

Reason for change

The provision is necessary to amend chapter 99, subchapter II of the HTS to insert a new heading 9902.32.30 for 7-Acetylamino-4-hydroxy-2-naphthalenesulfonic acid, monosodium salt (CAS No. 42360-29-2) (provided for in subheading 2924.29.70) as temporarily duty free until December 31, 2000. The chemical is used to produce certain synthetic dyes which compete with similar dyes made domestically or imported by other U.S. companies. However, there was no known domestic production of this chemical during 1994-97.

Effective date

The amendment made by this section applies with respect to goods entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after date of the enactment of this Act.

28. SEC. 228. 4-BENZOYLAMINO-5- HYDROXY-2,7-NAPHTHA-LENEDISULFONIC ACID

Present law

4-Benzoylamino-5-hydroxy-2,7-naphthalenedisulfonic acid is subject to an MFN duty rate of 2.6¢/kg + 14.6% *ad valorem*.

Explanation of provision

The provision would amend chapter 99, subchapter II of the HTS by inserting a new heading 9902.32.40 for 4-Benzoylamino-5-hydroxy-2,7-naphthalenedisulfonic acid, (CAS No.117-46-4) (provided for in subheading 2924.29.75) as temporarily duty free until December 31, 2000.

Reason for change

The provision is necessary to amend chapter 99, subchapter II of the HTS to insert a new heading 9902.32.40 for 4-Benzoylamino-5-hydroxy-2,7-naphthalenedisulfonic acid, (CAS No. 117-46-4) (provided for in subheading 2924.29.75) as temporarily duty free until December 31, 2000. The chemical is used to produce certain synthetic dyes which compete with similar dyes made domestically or imported by other U.S. companies. However, there was no known domestic production of this chemical during 1994-97.

Effective date

The amendment made by this section applies with respect to goods entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after date of the enactment of this Act.

29. SEC. 229. 4-BENZOYLAMINO-5- HYDROXY-2,7-NAPHTHA-
LENEDISULFONIC ACID, MONOSODIUM SALT

Present law

4-Benzoylamino-5-hydroxy-2,7-naphthalenedisulfonic acid, monosodium salt is subject to an MFN duty rate of 11.4% *ad valorem*.

Explanation of provision

The provision would amend chapter 99, subchapter II of the HTS by inserting a new heading 9902.32.42 for 4-Benzoylamino-5-hydroxy-2,7-naphthalenedisulfonic acid, monosodium salt, (CAS No. 79873-39-5) (provided for in subheading 2924.29.70) as temporarily duty free until December 31, 2000.

Reason for change

The provision is necessary to amend chapter 99, subchapter II of the HTS to insert a new heading 9902.32.42 for 4-Benzoylamino-5-hydroxy-2,7-naphthalenedisulfonic acid, monosodium salt, (CAS No. 79873-39-5) (provided for in subheading 2924.29.70) as temporarily duty free until December 31, 2000. The chemical is used to produce certain synthetic dyes which compete with similar dyes made domestically or imported by other U.S. companies. However, there was no known domestic production of this chemical during 1994-97.

Effective date

The amendment made by this section applies with respect to goods entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after date of the enactment of this Act.

30. SEC. 230. P-ETHYLPHENOL

Present law

p-Ethylphenol is subject to an MFN duty rate of 9.4% *ad valorem*.

Explanation of provision

The provision would amend chapter 99, subchapter II of the HTS by inserting a new heading 9902.31.21 for p-Ethylphenol (CAS. No. 123-07-9) (provided for in subheading 2907.19.20) as temporarily duty free until December 31, 2000.

Reason for change

The provision is necessary to amend chapter 99, subchapter II of the HTS to insert a new heading 9902.31.21 for p-Ethylphenol (CAS. No. 123-07-9) (provided for in subheading 2907.19.20) as temporarily duty free until December 31, 2000. There was no known domestic production of this chemical during 1994-1997.

Effective date

The amendment made by this section applies with respect to goods entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after date of the enactment of this Act.

31. SEC. 231. PANTERA

Present law

Pantera is subject to an MFN duty rate of 11.1% *ad valorem*.

Explanation of provision

The provision would amend chapter 99, subchapter II of the HTS by inserting a new heading 9902.29.09 for (+/-)-Tetrahydrofurfuryl (R)-2-[4-(6-chloroquinoxaline-2-yloxy) phenoxy] propanoate (referred to as Pantera) (CAS No. 119738-06-6) (provided for in subheading 2909.30.40) as temporarily duty free until December 31, 2000.

Reason for change

The provision is necessary to amend chapter 99, subchapter II of the HTS to insert a new heading 9902.29.09 for (+/-)-Tetrahydrofurfuryl (R)-2-[4-(6-chloroquinoxaline-2-yloxy) phenoxy] propanoate (referred to as Pantera) (CAS No. 119738-06-6) (provided for in subheading 2909.30.40) as temporarily duty free until December 31, 2000. There is no known domestic production of this chemical.

Effective date

The amendment made by this section applies with respect to goods entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after date of the enactment of this Act.

32. SEC. 232. 3-METHYL-CARBONYL-AMINOPHENYL-3'-METHYL-CARBANILATE (PHENMEDIPHAM)

Present law

3-Methyl-carbonyl-aminophenyl-3'-methyl-carbanilate is subject to an MFN duty rate of 11% *ad valorem*.

Explanation of provision

The provision would amend chapter 99, subchapter II of the HTS by inserting a new heading 9902.31.22 for 3-Methyl-carbonyl-aminophenyl-3'-methyl-carbanilate (referred to as phenmedipham) (CAS No. 13684-63-4) (provided for in subheading 2924.29.47) as temporarily duty free until December 31, 1999.

Reason for change

The provision is necessary to amend chapter 99, subchapter II of the HTS to insert a new heading 9902.31.22 for 3-Methyl-carbonyl-aminophenyl-3'-methyl-carbanilate (referred to as phenmedipham) (CAS No. 13684-63-4) (provided for in subheading 2924.29.47) as temporarily duty free until December 31, 1999. There was no known domestic production of this chemical during 1994-96.

Effective date

The amendment made by this section applies with respect to goods entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after date of the enactment of this Act.

33. SEC. 233. 2-AMINO-P-CRESOL

Present law

2-Amino-p-cresol is subject to an MFN duty rate of 5.8% *ad valorem*.

Explanation of provision

The provision would amend chapter 99, subchapter II of the HTS by inserting a new heading 9902.32.93 for 2-Amino-p-cresol (CAS No. 95-84-1) (provided for in subheading 2922.29.10) as temporarily duty free until December 31, 2000.

Reason for change

The provision is necessary to amend chapter 99, subchapter II of the HTS to insert a new heading 9902.32.93 for 2-Amino-p-cresol (CAS No. 95-84-1) (provided for in subheading 2922.29.10) as temporarily duty free until December 31, 2000. The chemical is used to produce certain synthetic dyes which compete with similar dyes made domestically or imported by other U.S. companies. However, there was no known domestic production of this chemical during 1994-97.

Effective date

The amendment made by this section applies with respect to goods entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after date of the enactment of this Act.

34. SEC. 234. 4-PHENOXYPYRIDINE

Present law

4-Phenoxy pyridine is subject to an MFN duty rate of 2.6¢/kg + 13.3% *ad valorem*.

Explanation of provision

The provision would amend chapter 99, subchapter II of the HTS by inserting a new heading 9902.32.15 for the chemical 4-Phenoxy pyridine (CAS No. 4783-86-2) (provided for in subheading 2933.90.82) used in the production of anti-cancer drugs, as temporarily duty free until December 31, 2000.

Reason for change

The provision is necessary to amend chapter 99, subchapter II of the HTS to insert a new heading 9902.32.15 for the chemical 4-Phenoxy pyridine (CAS No. 4783-86-2) (provided for in subheading 2933.90.82) used in the production of anti-cancer drugs, as temporarily duty free until December 31, 2000. The chemical is used in the production of newly-developed anti-cancer drugs which are currently undergoing testing. There was no known significant domestic production of this chemical during the past five years.

Effective date

The amendment made by this section applies with respect to goods entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after date of the enactment of this Act.

35. SEC. 235. P-NITROBENZOIC ACID

Present law

p-Nitrobenzoic acid is subject to an MFN duty rate of 11.4% *ad valorem*.

Explanation of provision

The provision would amend chapter 99, subchapter II of the HTS by inserting a new heading 9902.32.94 for p-Nitrobenzoic acid (CAS No. 62-23-7) (provided for in subheading 2916.39.45) as temporarily duty free until December 31, 1999.

Reason for change

The provision is necessary to amend chapter 99, subchapter II of the HTS to insert a new heading 9902.32.94 for p-Nitrobenzoic acid (CAS No. 62-23-7) (provided for in subheading 2916.39.45) as temporarily duty free until December 31, 1999. There are currently no known domestic producers of this chemical and no known commercially viable substitutes for this product in downstream applications.

Effective date

The amendment made by this section applies with respect to goods entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after date of the enactment of this Act.

36. SEC. 236. P-TOLUENESULFONAMIDE

Present law

p-Toluenesulfonamide is subject to an MFN duty rate of 2.6¢/kg +14.6% *ad valorem*.

Explanation of provision

The provision would amend chapter 99, subchapter II of the HTS by inserting a new heading 9902.32.95 for p-Toluenesulfonamide (CAS No. 70-55-3) (provided for in heading 2935.00.95) as temporarily duty free until December 31, 1999.

Reason for change

The provision is necessary to amend chapter 99, subchapter II of the HTS to insert a new heading 9902.32.95 for p-Toluenesulfonamide (CAS No. 70-55-3) (provided for in heading 2935.00.95) as temporarily duty free until December 31, 1999. There are currently no known domestic producers of this chemical.

Effective date

The amendment made by this section applies with respect to goods entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after date of the enactment of this Act.

37. SEC. 237. TARIFF TREATMENT FOR CERTAIN COMPONENTS OF SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS AND APPARATUS

Present law

Separate components of certain large scientific instruments or apparatus that are imported for assembly under those circumstances in which the instrument or apparatus, due to its size, cannot be imported in its assembled state, are subject to separate MFN duty rates, even though the larger scientific apparatus of which the components are a part would receive duty-free treatment, were they imported as part of a single, finished scientific instrument or apparatus.

Explanation of provision

The provision would amend U.S. Note 6, subchapter X, chapter 98 of the HTS to clarify that separate components of certain large scientific instruments and apparatus would be provided the same tariff treatment as those large scientific instruments and apparatus. The term “instruments and apparatus” under subheading 9810.00.60 would include separable components of an instrument or apparatus that are imported for assembly under those circumstances in which the instrument or apparatus, due to its size, cannot be imported in its assembled state. The provision also would amend the procedures by which the Secretaries of Treasury and Commerce would determine whether or not to grant such duty-free treatment.

Reason for change

The provision is needed to permit duty-free treatment for separate components of certain large scientific instruments or appa-

tus that are imported for assembly under circumstances in which the instrument, due to its size, cannot be imported in its assembled state, even though the larger scientific apparatus of which the components are a part would receive duty-free treatment, were they imported as part of a single, finished scientific instrument or apparatus.

Effective date

The effective date shall be 120 days following enactment.

38. SEC. 238. TANNIC ACID

Present law

Tannic acid is subject to an MFN duty rate of 1.5% *ad valorem*.

Explanation of provision

The provision would amend chapter 99, subchapter II of the HTS by inserting a new heading 9902.32.28 for Tannic acid, containing by weight 50 percent or more of tannic acid (CAS No. 1401-55-4) (provided for in subheading 3201.90.10) as temporarily duty free until December 31, 2000.

Reason for change

The provision is necessary to amend chapter 99, subchapter II of the HTS to insert a new heading 9902.32.28 for Tannic acid, containing by weight 50 percent or more of tannic acid (CAS No. 1401-55-4) (provided for in subheading 3201.90.10) as temporarily duty free until December 31, 2000. The chemical is used to produce certain synthetic dyes which compete with similar dyes made domestically or imported by other U.S. companies. However, there was no known domestic production of this chemical during 1994-97.

Effective date

The amendment made by this section applies with respect to goods entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after date of the enactment of this Act.

39. SEC. 239. POLYMERS OF TETRAFLUOROETHYLENE,
HEXAFLUOROPROPYLENE, AND VINYLIDENE FLUORIDE

Present law

Polymers of tetrafluoroethylene, hexafluoropropylene, and vinylidene fluoride are subject to an MFN duty rate of 0.9¢/kg+7% *ad valorem*.

Explanation of provision

The provision would amend chapter 99, subchapter II of the HTS by inserting a new heading 9902.39.04 for polymers of tetrafluoroethylene (provided for in subheading 3904.61.00) hexafluoropropylene, and vinylidene fluoride (provided for in subheading 3904.69.50) as temporarily duty free until December 31, 1999.

Reason for change

The provision is necessary to amend chapter 99, subchapter II of the HTS to insert a new heading 9902.39.04 for polymers of tetrafluoroethylene (provided for in subheading 3904.61.00) hexafluoropropylene, and vinylidene fluoride (provided for in subheading 3904.69.50) as temporarily duty free until December 31, 1999. There are currently no known domestic producers of these products.

Effective date

The amendment made by this section applies with respect to goods entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after date of the enactment of this Act.

40. SEC. 240. METHYL 2-[[[[4- (DIMETHYLAMINO)-6-(2,2,2-TRIFLUOROETHOXY)-1,3,5-TRIAZIN-2-YL]- AMINO]CARBONYL]-AMINO]SULFONYL]-3-METHYLBENZOATE (TRISULFURON METHYL)

Present law

Methyl 2-[[[[4-(dimethylamino)-6-(2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy)-1,3,5-triazin-2-yl]-amino]carbonyl]-amino]sulfonyl]-3-methylbenzoate is subject to an MFN duty rate of 0.7¢/kg+7.8% *ad valorem*.

Explanation of provision

The provision would amend chapter 99, subchapter II of the HTS by inserting a new heading 9902.38.08 for Methyl 2-[[[[4-(dimethylamino)-6-(2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy)-1,3,5-triazin-2-yl]-amino]carbonyl]-amino]sulfonyl]-3-methylbenzoate in mixture with application adjuvants. (CAS No. 126535-15-7) (provided for in heading 3808.30.15) as temporarily free of duty until December 31, 1999.

Reason for change

The provision is necessary to amend chapter 99, subchapter II of the HTS to insert a new heading 9902.38.08 for Methyl 2-[[[[4-(dimethylamino)-6-(2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy)-1,3,5-triazin-2-yl]-amino]carbonyl]-amino]sulfonyl]-3-methylbenzoate in mixture with application adjuvants. (CAS No. 126535-15-7) (provided for in heading 3808.30.15) as temporarily free of duty until December 31, 1999. There was no known domestic production of this chemical during 1994-96.

Effective date

The amendment made by this section applies with respect to goods entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after date of the enactment of this Act.

41. SEC. 241. OTHER YARN, SINGLE: OF VISCOSE RAYON, WITH A TWIST EXCEEDING 120 TURNS/M

Present law

High tenacity single yarn of viscose rayon with a twist exceeding 120 turns/m (provided for in subheading 5403.32.00) is subject to an MFN duty rate of 10% *ad valorem*.

Explanation of provision

The provision would amend chapter 99, subchapter II of the HTS by inserting a new heading 9902.32.97 for high tenacity single yarn of viscose rayon (provided for in subheading 5403.32.00) as temporarily duty free until December 31, 2000.

Reason for change

The provision is necessary to amend chapter 99, subchapter II of the HTS to insert a new heading 9902.32.97 for high tenacity single yarn of viscose rayon (provided for in subheading 5403.32.00) as temporarily duty free until December 31, 2000. There is no known domestic product directly competitive with this product. Suspending the duty on this yarn would lower costs for U.S. textile manufacturers.

Effective date

The amendment made by this section applies with respect to goods entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after date of the enactment of this Act.

42. SEC. 242. EFFECTIVE DATE

Unless otherwise indicated, the provisions in this title would apply to articles, entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after the date of enactment.

III. VOTE OF THE COMMITTEE

In compliance with clause 2(1)(2)(B) of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following statement is made concerning the vote of the Committee in its consideration of the bill H.R. 2622.

Motion to report the bill

The bill H.R. 2622 was ordered favorably reported, by voice vote on October 8, 1997, with a quorum present.

IV. BUDGET EFFECTS OF THE BILL**A. COMMITTEE ESTIMATE ON BUDGETARY EFFECTS**

In compliance with clause 7(a) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following statement is made concerning the effects on the budget of H.R. 2622. The Committee agrees with the estimate prepared by the Congressional Budget Office, which is included below.

B. STATEMENT REGARDING NEW BUDGET AUTHORITY AND TAX EXPENDITURES

In compliance with subdivision (B) of clause 2(1)(3) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee states that the provisions of H.R. 2622, do not involve any new budget authority, or any increase or decrease in revenues or tax expenditures.

C. COST ESTIMATE PREPARED BY THE CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE

In compliance with subdivision (C) of clause 2(1)(3) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, requiring a cost estimate prepared by the Congressional Budget Office, the following report prepared by CBO is provided:

U.S. CONGRESS,
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,
Washington, DC, October 10, 1997.

Hon. BILL ARCHER,
*Chairman, Committee on Ways and Means,
U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, DC*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has reviewed H.R. 2622, the Miscellaneous Trade and Technical Corrections Act of 1997, as ordered reported by the House Committee on Ways and Means on October 8, 1997. CBO estimates that this bill would cause no change in federal government receipts. The proposed legislation contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995, and would impose no direct costs on state, local, or tribal governments. Because enacting H.R. 2622 would affect receipts, pay-as-you-go procedures would apply to the bill.

H.R. 2622 would make technical corrections and miscellaneous amendments to certain trade laws. Title I clarifies existing statutes of the United States Customs code. Title II creates temporary duty suspensions on certain intermediary products and chemicals imported into the United States. None of the provisions would have a significant impact on the budget.

Section 252 of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 sets up pay-as-you-go procedures for legislation affecting direct spending or receipts. The projected changes in direct spending through 2007 are shown in the following table. For purposes of enforcing pay-as-you-go procedures, however, only the effects in the budget year and the succeeding four years are counted.

PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS
[By fiscal year, in millions of dollars]

| | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 |
|---------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Changes in outlays | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Changes in receipts | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

If you wish further details, please feel free to contact me or your staff may wish to contact Alyssa Trzeszkowski.

Sincerely,

JUNE E. O'NEILL, *Director.*

V. OTHER MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED UNDER THE RULES OF THE HOUSE

A. COMMITTEE OVERSIGHT FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

With respect to subdivision (A) of clause 2(1)(3) of rule XI of the rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee concludes that the actions taken in this legislation are appropriate given its oversight of international trade matters.

B. SUMMARY OF FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REFORM AND OVERSIGHT

With respect to subdivision (D) of clause 2(1)(3) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee states that no oversight findings or recommendations have been submitted to the Committee by the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight with respect to the subject matter contained in H.R. 2622.

C. CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

With respect to clause 2(1)(4) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, relating to Constitutional Authority, the Committee states that the Committee's action in reporting the bill is derived from Article 1 of the Constitution, Section 8 ("The Congress shall have power to lay and collect taxes, duties, imposts and excises, to pay the debts and to provide for * * * the general Welfare of the United States * * *").

VI. CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW MADE BY THE BILL, AS REPORTED

In compliance with clause 3 of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, changes in existing law made by the bill, as reported, are shown as follows (existing law proposed to be omitted is enclosed in black brackets, new matter is printed in italics, existing law in which no change is proposed is shown in roman):

TARIFF ACT OF 1930

TITLE III—SPECIAL PROVISIONS

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Part II—United States Tariff Commission

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SEC. 313. DRAWBACK AND REFUNDS.

(a) * * *

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(q) PACKAGING MATERIAL.—**[Packaging material]**

(1) *IN GENERAL.*—*Packaging material*, when used on or for articles or merchandise exported or destroyed under subsection (a), (b), (c), or (j), shall be eligible under such subsection for re-

fund, as drawback, of 99 percent of any duty, tax, or fee imposed under Federal law on the importation of such material.

(2) *ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY.*—Packaging material produced in the United States, which is used by the manufacturer or any other person on or for articles which are exported or destroyed under subsection (a) or (b), shall be eligible under such subsection for refund, as drawback, of 99 percent of any duty, tax, or fee imposed on the importation of such material used to manufacture or produce the packaging material.

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TITLE IV—ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

**PART I—DEFINITIONS AND NATIONAL CUSTOMS
AUTOMATION PROGRAM**

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Subpart B—National Customs Automation Program

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SEC. 411. NATIONAL CUSTOMS AUTOMATION PROGRAM.

(a) * * *

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(c) *FOREIGN-TRADE ZONES.*—Not later than January 1, 1999, the Secretary shall provide for the inclusion of commercial importation data from foreign-trade zones under the Program.

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SEC. 514. PROTEST AGAINST DECISIONS OF THE CUSTOMS SERVICE.

(a) **FINALITY OF DECISIONS.**—Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, section 501 (relating to voluntary reliquidations), section 516 (relating to petitions by domestic interested parties), and section 520 (relating to refunds and errors) of this Act, decisions of the Customs Service, including the legality of all orders and findings entering into the same, as to—

(1) * * *

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(7) the refusal to reliquidate an entry under section [520(c)] subsection (c) or (d) of section 520 of this act;

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SEC. 515. REVIEW OF PROTESTS.—

(a) **ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW AND MODIFICATION OF DECISIONS.**—Unless a request for an accelerated disposition of a protest is filed in accordance with subsection (b) of this section the appropriate customs officer, within two years from the date a protest was filed in accordance with section 514 of this Act, shall review the protest and shall allow or deny such protest in whole or in part. Thereafter, any duties, charge, or exaction found to have been assessed or collected in excess shall be remitted or refunded and any drawback found due shall be paid. Upon the request of the protesting party, filed within the time allowed for the filing of a protest under

section 514 of this Act, a protest may be subject to further review by another appropriate customs officer, under the circumstances and in the form and manner that may be prescribed by the Secretary in regulations, but subject to the two-year limitation prescribed in the first sentence of this subsection. *Within 30 days from the date an application for further review is filed, the appropriate customs officer shall allow or deny the application and, if allowed, the protest shall be forwarded to the customs officer who will be conducting the further review.* Notice of the denial of any protest shall be mailed in the form and manner prescribed by the Secretary.

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SEC. 520. REFUNDS AND ERRORS.

(a) * * *

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(d) Notwithstanding the fact that a valid protest was not filed, the Customs Service may, in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Secretary, reliquidate an entry to refund any excess duties (*including any merchandise processing fees*) paid on a good qualifying under the rules of origin set out in section 202 of the North American Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act for which no claim for preferential tariff treatment was made at the time of importation if the importer, within 1 year after the date of importation, files, in accordance with those regulations, a claim that includes—

(1) * * *

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SEC. 557. ENTRY FOR WAREHOUSE—WAREHOUSE PERIOD—DRAW-BACK.

(a)(1) Any merchandise subject to duty (*including international travel merchandise*), with the exception of perishable articles and explosive substances other than firecrackers, may be entered for warehousing and be deposited in a bonded warehouse at the expense and risk of the owner purchaser, importer, or consignee. Such merchandise may be withdrawn, at any time within 5-years from the date of importation, for consumption upon payment of the duties and charges accruing thereon at the rate of duty imposed by law upon such merchandise at the date of withdrawal; or may be withdrawn for exportation or for transportation and exportation to a foreign country, or for shipment or for transportation and shipment to the Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Wake Island, Midway Islands, Kingman Reef, Johnston Island, or the island of Guam, without the payment of duties thereon, or for transportation and warehousing at another port or elsewhere, or for transfer to another bonded warehouse at the same port; except that—

(A) * * *

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SECTION 5 OF THE ACT OF FEBRUARY 13, 1911

SEC. 5. OVERTIME AND PREMIUM PAY FOR CUSTOMS OFFICERS.

(a) * * *

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(c) LIMITATIONS.—

【(1) FISCAL YEAR CAP.—The aggregate of overtime pay under subsection (a) (including commuting compensation under subsection (a)(2)(B)) and premium pay under subsection (b) that a customs officer may be paid in any fiscal year may not exceed \$25,000; except that the Commissioner of Customs or his designee may waive this limitation in individual cases in order to prevent excessive costs or to meet emergency requirements of the Customs Service.】

(1) FISCAL YEAR CAP.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the aggregate of overtime pay under subsection (a) of this section (including commuting compensation under subsection (a)(2)(B) of this section) and premium pay under subsection (b) of this section that a customs officer may be paid in any fiscal year may not exceed \$25,000; except that the Commissioner of Customs or his designee may waive this limitation in individual cases in order to prevent excessive costs or to meet emergency requirements of the Customs Service.

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HARMONIZED TARIFF SCHEDULE OF THE UNITED STATES

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CHAPTER 98—SPECIAL CLASSIFICATION PROVISIONS

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Subchapter X—Importations of Religious, Educational, Scientific, and Other Institutions

U.S. NOTE

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6. (a) The term “instruments and apparatus” (subheading 9810.00.60) embraces only instruments and apparatus which are both provided for and dutiable in:

(i) * * *

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but the term does not include materials or supplies, nor does it include ordinary equipment for use in building construction or maintenance or for use in supporting activities of the institution such as its administrative offices or its eating or religious facilities. *The term “instruments and apparatus” under subheading 9810.00.60 includes separable components of an instrument or apparatus listed in this subdivision that are imported for assembly in the United States in such instrument or apparatus where the instrument or ap-*

paratus, due to its size, cannot be feasibly imported in its assembled state.

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(d)(i) If the Secretary of Commerce determines under this U.S. note that an instrument or apparatus of equivalent scientific value to the instrument or apparatus which, due to its size cannot be feasibly imported in its assembled state, is being manufactured in the United States, the Secretary shall report the findings to the Secretary of the Treasury and to the applicant institution and all components of the instrument or apparatus shall remain dutiable.

(ii) If the Secretary of Commerce determines that the instrument or apparatus is not being manufactured in the United States, the Secretary is authorized to determine further whether any component of the instrument or apparatus is being manufactured in the United States and shall report the findings to the Secretary of the Treasury and to the applicant institution, and any component found to be domestically available shall remain dutiable.

(iii) Any decision by the Secretary of the Treasury which allows for duty-free entry of a component of an instrument or apparatus which, due to its size cannot be feasibly imported in its assembled state, shall be effective for a specified maximum period, to be determined in consultation with the Secretary of Commerce, taking into account both the scientific needs of the importing institution and the potential for development of comparable domestic manufacturing capacity.

[(d)] *(e) Subheading 9810.00.60 shall not apply with respect to any instrument or apparatus unless a bona fide order therefor has been placed, by the institution making the application under this U.S. note, on or before the sixtieth day following the day on which a finding of the Secretary of Commerce favorable to the institution has become final and conclusive.*

[(e)] *(f) Within 20 days after the publication in the Federal Register of a finding by the Secretary of Commerce under paragraph (c) of this U.S. note, an appeal may be taken from said finding only upon a question or questions of law and only to the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit:*

(i) * * *

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[(f)] *(g) The Secretary of the Treasury and the Secretary of Commerce may prescribe joint regulations to carry out their functions under this note.*

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CHAPTER 99—TEMPORARY LEGISLATION; TEMPORARY MODIFICATIONS ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO TRADE LEGISLATION; ADDITIONAL IMPORT RESTRICTIONS ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION 22 OF THE AGRICULTURAL ADJUSTMENT ACT, AS AMENDED

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Subchapter II—Temporary Reductions in Rates of Duty

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| Heading/ subheading | Article description | Rates of duty | | | Effective pe- riod |
|------------------------|--|---------------|-----------|-----------|-------------------------|
| | | 1 | | 2 | |
| | | Gen- eral | Special | | |
| 9902.29.09 | * * * (+/-)- Tetrahydrofurfuryl (R)-2-[4-(6-chloroquinoxalin-2-yloxy) phenoxy] propanoate (CAS No. 119738-06-6) (provided for in subheading 2909.30.40) and any mixtures containing the same | Free | No change | No change | On or before 12/31/2000 |
| 9902.30.98 | * * * 2,4-Dichloro-5-hydrazino-phenol-monohydrochloride (CAS No. 189573-21-5) (provided for in subheading 2928.00.25) | Free | No change | No change | On or before 12/31/98 |
| 9902.31.12 | * * * 3-Ethoxycarbonyl-aminophenyl-N-phenylcarbamate (Desmedipham) (CAS No. 13684-56-5) (provided for in subheading 2924.29.41) | Free | No change | No change | On or before 12/31/99 |
| 9902.31.20 | * * * 2-Ethoxy-2,3-dihydro-3,3-dimethyl-5-benzofuranyl-methanesulfonate (ethofumesate) singularly or in mixture with application adjuvants (CAS No. 26225-79-6) (provided for in subheadings 2932.99.08 and 3808.30.15) | Free | No change | No change | On or before 12/31/99 |
| 9902.31.21 | * * * p-Ethylphenol (CAS No. 123-07-9) (provided for in subheading 2907.19.20) | Free | No change | No change | On or before 12/31/2000 |
| 9902.31.22 | * * * 3-Methyl-carbonyl-aminophenyl-3'-methyl-carbanilate (phenmedipham) (CAS No. 13684-63-4) (provided for in subheading 2924.29.47) | Free | No change | No change | On or before 12/31/99 |
| 9902.32.05 | * * * 3-(Acetyloxy)-2-methyl-benzoic acid (CAS No. 168899-58-9) (provided for in subheading 2918.29.65) | Free | No change | No change | On or before 12/31/2000 |
| 9902.32.15 | * * * 4-Phenoxy pyridine (CAS No. 4783-86-2) (provided for in subheading 2933.90.82) | Free | No change | No change | On or before 12/31/2000 |
| 9902.32.16 | * * * (S)-N-[[5-[2-(2-Amino-4,6,7,8-tetrahydro-4-oxo-1H-pyrimido[5,4-b][1,4]thiazin-6-yl)ethyl]-2-thienyl]carbonyl]-L-glutamic acid diethyl ester (CAS No. 177575-19-8) (provided for in subheading 2930.90.90) | Free | No change | No change | On or before 12/31/2000 |
| 9902.32.17 | * * * 4-Chloropyridine hydrochloride (CAS No. 7379-35-3) (provided for in subheading 2933.39.61) | Free | No change | No change | On or before 12/31/2000 |
| 9902.32.18 | * * * 3-Mercapto-D-valine (CAS No. 52-67-5) (provided for in subheading 2930.90.45) | Free | No change | No change | On or before 12/31/2000 |
| 9902.32.19 | * * * (3S)-2,2-Dimethyl-3-thiomorpholine carboxylic acid (CAS No. 84915-43-5) (provided for in subheading 2934.90.90) | Free | No change | No change | On or before 12/31/2000 |
| 9902.32.20 | * * * 2-Amino-5-bromo-6-methyl-4-(1H)-quinazolinone (CAS No. 147149-89-1) (provided for in subheading 2933.90.97) | Free | No change | No change | On or before 12/31/2000 |
| 9902.32.21 | * * * 2-Amino-6-methyl-5-(4-pyridinylthio)-4-(1H)-quinazolinone (CAS No. 147149-76-6) (provided for in subheading 2933.90.97) | Free | No change | No change | On or before 12/31/2000 |
| 9902.32.22 | * * * 6-Bromo-2,4-dinitroaniline (CAS No. 1817-73-8) (provided for in subheading 2921.42.90) | Free | No change | No change | On or before 12/31/2000 |
| 9902.32.23 | * * * [S-(R*,R*)]-2,3-dihydroxy-butanedioic acid (CAS No. 147-71-7) (provided for in subheading 2918.19.90 or 2918.90.50) | Free | No change | No change | On or before 12/31/2000 |
| 9902.32.28 | * * * Tannic acid, containing by weight 50 percent or more of tannic acid (CAS No. 1401-55-4) (provided for in subheading 3201.90.10) | Free | No change | No change | On or before 12/31/2000 |

| Heading/ subheading | Article description | Rates of duty | | | Effective pe- riod |
|------------------------|--|---------------|-----------|-----------|-------------------------|
| | | 1 | | 2 | |
| | | Gen- eral | Special | | |
| 9902.32.30 | * * * 7-Acetylamino-4-hydroxy-2-naphthalenesulfonic acid, monosodium salt (CAS No. 42360-29-2) (provided for in subheading 2924.29.70) | Free | No change | No change | On or before 12/31/2000 |
| 9902.32.32 | * * * 2-Amino-5-nitrobenzenesulfonic acid, monosodium salt (CAS No. 30693-53-9) (provided for in subheading 2921.42.90) | Free | No change | No change | On or before 12/31/2000 |
| 9902.32.34 | * * * 2-Amino-5-nitrobenzenesulfonic acid, monoammonium salt (CAS No. 4346-51-4) (provided for in subheading 2921.42.90) | Free | No change | No change | On or before 12/31/2000 |
| 9902.32.36 | * * * 2-Amino-5-nitrobenzenesulfonic acid (CAS No. 96-75-3) (provided for in subheading 2921.42.90) | Free | No change | No change | On or before 12/31/2000 |
| 9902.32.38 | * * * 3-(4,5-Dihydro-3-methyl-5-oxo-1H-pyrazol-1-yl) benzenesulfonic acid (CAS No. 119-17-5) (provided for in subheading 2933.19.43) | Free | No change | No change | On or before 12/31/2000 |
| 9902.32.40 | * * * 4-Benzoylamino-5-hydroxy-2,7-naphthalenedisulfonic acid (CAS No. 117-46-4) (provided for in subheading 2924.29.75) | Free | No change | No change | On or before 12/31/2000 |
| 9902.32.42 | * * * 4-Benzoylamino-5-hydroxy-2,7-naphthalenedisulfonic acid, monosodium salt (CAS No. 79873-39-5) (provided for in subheading 2924.29.70) | Free | No change | No change | On or before 12/31/2000 |
| 9902.32.48 | * * * 4-Chloro-3-nitrobenzenesulfonic acid (CAS No. 121-18-6) (provided for in subheading 2904.90.47) | Free | No change | No change | On or before 12/31/2000 |
| 9902.32.50 | * * * 4-Chloro-3-nitrobenzenesulfonic acid, monopotassium salt (CAS No. 6671-49-4) (provided for in subheading 2904.90.47) | Free | No change | No change | On or before 12/31/2000 |
| 9902.32.52 | * * * 4-Chloro-3-nitrobenzenesulfonic acid, monosodium salt (CAS No. 17691-19-9) (provided for in subheading 2904.90.40) | Free | No change | No change | On or before 12/31/2000 |
| 9902.32.54 | * * * 2-Methyl-5-nitrobenzenesulfonic acid (CAS No. 121-03-9) (provided for in subheading 2904.90.20) | Free | No change | No change | On or before 12/31/2000 |
| 9902.32.60 | * * * 2-Amino-5-nitrothiazole (CAS No. 121-66-4) (provided for in subheading 2934.10.90) | Free | No change | No change | On or before 12/31/2000 |
| 9902.32.90 | * * * Diiodomethyl-p-tolylsulfone (CAS No. 20018-09-1) (provided for in subheading 2930.90.10) | Free | No change | No change | On or before 12/31/2000 |
| 9902.32.91 | * * * 6-Amino-1,3-naphthalenedisulfonic acid (CAS No. 118-33-2) (provided for in subheading 2921.45.90) | Free | No change | No change | On or before 12/31/2000 |
| 9902.32.92 | * * * 6-Amino-1,3-naphthalenedisulfonic acid, disodium salt (CAS No. 50976-35-7) (provided for in subheading 2921.45.90) | Free | No change | No change | On or before 12/31/2000 |
| 9902.32.93 | * * * 2-Amino-p-cresol (CAS No. 95-84-1) (provided for in subheading 2922.29.10) | Free | No change | No change | On or before 12/31/2000 |
| 9902.32.94 | * * * p-Nitrobenzoic acid (CAS No. 62-23-7) (provided for in subheading 2916.39.45) | Free | No change | No change | On or before 12/31/99 |
| 9902.32.95 | * * * p-Toluenesulfonamide (CAS No. 70-55-3) (provided for in subheading 2935.00.95) | Free | No change | No change | On or before 12/31/99 |

| Heading/ subheading | Article description | Rates of duty | | | Effective pe- riod |
|------------------------|--|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------------|
| | | 1 | | 2 | |
| | | Gen- eral | Special | | |
| 9902.32.97 | * * * Single yarn of viscose rayon, with a twist ex- ceeding 120 turns/m (provided for in sub- heading 5403.32.00) | * Free | * No change | * No change | On or before 12/31/2000 |
| 9902.38.08 | * * * Methyl 2-[[[4-(dimethylamino)-6-(2,2,2- trifluoroethoxy)-1,3,5-triazin-2-yl]- amino]carbonyl]-3- methylbenzoate (trisulfuron methyl) in mix- ture with application adjuvants. (CAS No. 126535-15-7) (provided for in subheading 3808.30.15) | * Free | * No change | * No change | On or before 12/31/99 |
| 9902.39.04 | * * * Polymers of tetrafluoroethylene (provided for in subheading 3904.61.00), hexafluoropropylene and vinylidene fluoride (provided for in subheading 3904.69.50) | * Free | * No change | * No change | On or before 12/31/99 |
| 9902.54.03 | * * * High tenacity single yarn of viscose rayon (provided for in subheading 5403.10.30) | * Free | * No change | * No change | On or before 12/31/99 |
| 9902.64.04 | * * * Skating boots for use in the manufacture of in-line roller skates (provided for in sub- heading 6404.11.90) | * Free | * No change | * No change | On or before 12/31/2000 |
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