

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

**MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION
of the 109th Congress¹**

[Date approved: September 23, 2005]²

Bill No. and sponsor: H.R. 2286 (Ms. Harman)

Proponent name, location: Mattel, Inc.
El Segundo, CA 90245-5012

Other bills on product (109th Congress only): S. 1072.

Nature of bill: Extension of temporary duty suspension through December 31, 2008.

Retroactive effect: None.

Suggested article description(s) for enactment (including appropriate HTS subheading(s)):

See heading 9902.01.81; no changes in the current article description are proposed.

Check one: Same as that in bill as introduced.
 Different from that in bill as introduced (see Technical comments section).

Product information, including uses/applications and source(s) of imports:

The subject articles are cases specifically shaped or fitted to hold, store, or transport photo transparency reels used in children's toys. The cases hold and protect the circular mounts for sets of stereoscopic photographic transparencies, such as mounts measuring approximately 8.99 centimeters in diameter. These cases are manufactured in several colors and have hooks to attach to a child's belt or strap for convenient transportation. Trade sources indicate that the subject goods are imported from China and Indonesia.

¹ Industry analyst preparing report: Andrea Boron (202-205-3433); Tariff Affairs contact: Jan Summers (202-205-2605).

² An electronic copy of this memorandum is available at http://usitc.gov/tata/hts/other/rel_doc/bill_reports/index.htm.

Estimated effect on customs revenue:

HTS subheading: <u>4202.92.90</u>					
 	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Col. 1-General rate of duty	17.6%	17.6%	17.6%	17.6%	17.6%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
Customs revenue loss <u>1/</u>	\$35,200	\$35,200	\$35,200	\$35,200	\$35,200

1/ The customs revenue loss data shown for 2005-2006 reflect the existing temporary duty suspension on this product through the close of Dec. 31, 2006.

Source of estimated dutiable import data: Industry estimates.

Contacts with domestic firms/organizations (including the proponent):

Name of firm/organization	Date contacted	US production of same or competitive product claimed?	Submission attached?	Opposition noted?
		(Yes/No)		
St. Maxens & Company on behalf of Mattel, Inc. Mr. Thomas St. Maxens 202-966-9000	8/02/2005	No	No	No
Flexible Packaging Association Ms. Marla Donahue 410-694-0800	8/08/2005	No	No	No
Toy Industry Association Mr. Gary Klein 202-207-3600	8/18/2005	No	No	No
Travel Goods Association Mr. Nate Herman (703) 797-9062	8/08/2005	No	No	No

Technical comments:³ None.

³ The Commission may express an opinion on the HTS classification of a product to facilitate consideration of the bill. However, by law, only the U.S. Customs Service is authorized to issue a binding ruling on this matter. The Commission believes that the U.S. Customs Service should be consulted prior to enactment of the bill.

109TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2286

To extend the temporary suspension of duty on cases for certain children's products.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 11, 2005

Ms. HARMAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

To extend the temporary suspension of duty on cases for certain children's products.

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. CASES FOR CERTAIN CHILDREN'S PRODUCTS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Heading 9902.01.81 of the Har-
5 monized Tariff Schedule of the United States is amended
6 by striking “12/31/2006” and inserting “12/31/2008”.

7 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
8 subsection (a) applies to goods entered, or withdrawn from

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

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