

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20436

**MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION  
of the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress <sup>1</sup>**

[Date approved: July 24, 2006]<sup>2</sup>

**Bill No. and sponsor:** S. 2575 (Mr. John Kerry of Massachusetts).

**Proponent name, location:** Acushnet Co., Fairhaven MA.

**Other bills on product (109<sup>th</sup> Congress only):** S. 2574, S. 2576, S. 2577, and S. 2578.<sup>3</sup>

**Nature of bill:** Temporary duty suspension through December 31, 2009.

**Retroactive effect:** None.

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

Golf club fairway heads of stainless steel, each with a sole weight screw system (provided for in subheading 9506.39.00).

**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 golf club fairway heads are used to produce finished golf clubs, specifically drivers. A golf club fairway head made of stainless steel has a face that contacts the ball during the stroke. A fairway golf club has a shallow face height to help a player to hit a golf ball off the turf. A sole weight screw system permits a golfer to modify the weight distribution within the all-stainless steel head by moving a weighted cartridge to a specific location on the head, depending on what kind of ball flight the player desires. Fairway golf clubs are used to make intermediate distance shots subsequent to tee shots.

The principal import source of these fairway heads is China.

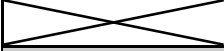
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<sup>2</sup> Access to an electronic copy of this memorandum is available at [http://usitc.gov/tata/hts/other/rel\\_doc/bill\\_reports/index.htm](http://usitc.gov/tata/hts/other/rel_doc/bill_reports/index.htm).

<sup>3</sup> These 4 bills each cover particular golf club driver heads.

**Estimated effect on customs revenue:**

<b>HTS subheading: <u>9506.39.00</u></b>					
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Col. 1-General rate of duty	4.9%	4.9%	4.9%	4.9%	4.9%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$4,770,000	\$4,770,000	\$4,770,000	\$4,770,000	\$4,770,000
Customs revenue loss	\$233,730	\$233,730	\$233,730	\$233,730	\$233,730

Source of estimated dutiable import data: Industry and Commission estimates.

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

Name of firm/organization	Date contacted	Claim US makes same or competing product(s)?	Submission attached?	Opposition noted?
		(Yes/No)		
Acushnet Co. (Proponent) Roland Giroux, 508-979-3661	5/12/2006	No	No	No
Callaway Golf Mike Dow, 690-930-5101	5/12/2006	No	No	No
Cleveland Golf Gary Marion, 714-889-1306	5/12/2006	No	No	No
Dunlop Golf Michael Johnson, 864-271-0201 ext. 209	5/19/2006	No	No	No
FocusGolf Michael Johnson, 864-527-7862	05/31/2006	No	No	No
Golfsmith International, Inc. David Varney, 512-821-4841	5/19/2006	No	No	No
Mizuno USA, Inc. Chuck Couch, 770-441-5553	5/23/2006	No	No	No
Nickent Golf Eric Yang, 888-642-5368 ext. 101	5/12/2006	No	No	No
Nike, Inc. Scott Mohr, 503-671-6005	5/12/2006	No	No	No
Ping, Inc. Chris Bowen, 602-687-5346	5/12/2006	No	Yes	Yes
Sonartec Golf Co. Kathy Blassey, 760-930-2454 ext. 109	5/12/2006	No	No	No

Tad Moore Golf Tad Moore, 706-884-6113	5/17/2006	No	No	No
TaylorMade Golf Co. Inc. Catherine Weeks, 760-919-6058	5/12/2006	No	Yes	Yes
Wilson Sporting Goods Co. Aileen Callahan, 800-662-0444 ext. 6566	5/12/2006	No	No	No

**Technical comments:** None.

109TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# S. 2575

To suspend temporarily the duty on certain golf club fairway heads.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 6, 2006

Mr. KERRY (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY) introduced the following bill;  
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

## A BILL

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

3 **SECTION 1. CERTAIN GOLF CLUB FAIRWAY HEADS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 99 of  
5 the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States is  
6 amended by inserting in numerical sequence the following  
7 new heading:

“	9902.95.06	Golf club fairway heads of stainless steel, each with a sole weight screw system (provided for in subheading 9506.39.00) .....	Free	No change	No change	On or before 12/31/2009	”.
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1       (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
2 subsection (a) applies with respect to goods entered, or  
3 withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after  
4 the 15th day after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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