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# S. 527

To amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States to suspend temporarily the duty with respect to the personal effects of participants in certain athletic events.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 3, 1999

Mr. HATCH introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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## A BILL

To amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States to suspend temporarily the duty with respect to the personal effects of participants in certain athletic events.

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. TREATMENT OF PERSONAL EFFECTS OF PAR-**  
4 **TICIPANTS IN CERTAIN WORLD ATHLETIC**  
5 **EVENTS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 99 of  
7 the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States is

1 amended by inserting in numerical sequence the following  
 2 new heading:

“	9902.98.08	Any of the following articles not intended for sale or distribution to the public: personal effects of aliens who are participants in, officials of, or accredited members of delegations to, the 1999 International Special Olympics, the 1999 Women's World Cup Soccer, the 2001 International Special Olympics, the 2002 Salt Lake City Winter Olympics, and the 2002 Winter Paralympic Games, and of persons who are immediate family members of or servants to any of the foregoing persons; equipment and materials imported in connection with the foregoing events by or on behalf of the foregoing persons or the organizing committees of such events; articles to be used in exhibitions depicting the culture of a country participating in any such event; and, if consistent with the foregoing, such other articles as the Secretary of Treasury may allow .....	Free	No change	Free	On or before 12/31/2002	”.
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3 (b) TAXES AND FEES NOT TO APPLY.—The articles  
 4 described in heading 9902.98.08 of the Harmonized Tariff  
 5 Schedule of the United States (as added by subsection (a))  
 6 shall be free of taxes and fees which may be otherwise  
 7 applicable.

8 (c) NO EXEMPTION FROM CUSTOMS INSPECTIONS.—  
 9 The articles described in heading 9902.98.08 of the Har-  
 10 monized Tariff Schedule of the United States (as added  
 11 by subsection (a)) shall not be free or otherwise exempt  
 12 or excluded from routine or other inspections as may be  
 13 required by the Customs Service.

14 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—This section applies to goods  
2 entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consump-  
3 tion, on or after the 15th day after the date of en-  
4 actment of this Act.

5           (2) RETROACTIVE APPLICATION TO CERTAIN  
6 ENTRIES.—Notwithstanding section 514 of the Tar-  
7 iff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1514) or any other provi-  
8 sion of law, upon proper request filed with the Cus-  
9 toms Service before the 90th day after the date of  
10 enactment of this Act, any entry, or withdrawal  
11 from warehouse for consumption, of any goods de-  
12 scribed in heading 9902.98.08 of the Harmonized  
13 Tariff Schedule of the United States (as added by  
14 subsection (a)) that was made—

15                   (A) after December 31, 1998, and

16                   (B) before the 15th day after the date of  
17 enactment of this Act,

18 shall be liquidated or reliquidated as though the  
19 amendment made by subsection (a) applied to such  
20 entry or withdrawal.

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