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H. R. 1407

To provide that certain wire rods shall not be subject to any antidumping duty or countervailing duty order.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LATOURETTE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SUSPENSION OF ANTIDUMPING OR COUNTERVALING DUTIES ON CERTAIN WIRE RODS.

(a) SUSPENSION.—Wire rods described in subsection (b) shall not be subject to any antidumping or countervailing duty order.

(b) DESCRIPTION OF WIRE RODS.—

(1) COMPOSITION.—The wire rods referred to in subsection (a) are wire rods, produced by using either of the processes described in paragraph (2), that—

(A) contain by weight .06 to .10 percent carbon, 1.40 percent to 1.60 percent manganese, and .80 percent to 1.00 percent silicon;

(B) are used to produce metal inert gas (mig) welding wire (also referred to as gas metal arc welding wire) meeting the American Welding Society ER 70S–6 classification; and

(C) are provided for in subheading 7227.20.00 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States.

(2) PROCESSES.—The processes referred to in paragraph (1) are the following:

(A) The electric arc furnace process with a minimum 90 percent virgin iron unit charge (using direct reduced iron or a combination of direct reduced iron and pig iron) in order to achieve the following residual maximums: phosphorous .020 percent; sulphur .015 percent; nitrogen .009 percent; copper .06 percent; nickel .10 percent; chromium .06 percent; molybdenum .02 percent; tin .01 percent; vanadium

.01 percent; calcium .001 percent; mercury 10ppm (except that processing must preclude mercury (Hg.) contamination); aluminum .01 percent; and a total sulphur, phosphorous and nitrogen level of .034 percent, if the wire rods are cooled on a stelmore conveyer with covers to achieve retarded cooling.

(B) Steel from a basic oxygen furnace which duplicates the maximum residual element levels and mechanical requirements set forth in subparagraph (A), which are achieved by using a 90 percent virgin iron unit charge.

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section applies to goods entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the 15th day after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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