

113TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 2806

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 24, 2013

Mr. MARCHANT (for himself and Mr. KIND) introduced the following bill;  
which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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## 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Residue Entries and  
5 Streamlining Trade Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. IMPORTATION OF CERTAIN CONTAINERS CON-**  
2 **TAINING DE MINIMIS RESIDUAL MATTER TO**  
3 **BE EXCEPTED FROM THE CUSTOMS LAWS OF**  
4 **THE UNITED STATES.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 322(a) of the Tariff Act  
6 of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1322(a)) is amended—

7 (1) by striking “(a)” and inserting “(a)(1)”;

8 (2) by inserting after “other instruments of  
9 international traffic” the following: “, including in-  
10 struments of international traffic containing de  
11 minimis residual matter”; and

12 (3) by adding at the end the following:

13 “(2) In this subsection, the term ‘de minimis residual  
14 matter’ means material remaining in an instrument of  
15 international traffic after its contents have been unloaded  
16 to the maximum extent practicable and before the instru-  
17 ment of international traffic is either refilled or cleaned.”.

18 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
19 subsection (a) take effect on the date of the enactment  
20 of this Act and apply with respect to the importation of  
21 instruments of international traffic containing de minimis  
22 residual matter on or after such date of enactment.

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