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S. 989

To amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States to exempt from duty residue of bulk cargo contained in instruments of international traffic previously exported from the United States.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 16, 2015

Mr. COATS (for himself and Ms. HEITKAMP) 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. SHORT TITLE.**

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

1 **SEC. 2. EXEMPTION FROM DUTY OF RESIDUE OF BULK**
 2 **CARGO CONTAINED IN INSTRUMENTS OF**
 3 **INTERNATIONAL TRAFFIC PREVIOUSLY EX-**
 4 **PORTED FROM THE UNITED STATES.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—General Note 3(e) of the Har-
 6 monized Tariff Schedule of the United States is amend-
 7 ed—

8 (1) in subparagraph (v), by striking “and” at
 9 the end;

10 (2) in subparagraph (vi), by adding “and” at
 11 the end;

12 (3) by inserting after subparagraph (vi) (as so
 13 amended) the following new subparagraph:

14 “(vii) residue of bulk cargo contained in
 15 instruments of international traffic previously
 16 exported from the United States,”; and

17 (4) by adding at the end of the flush text fol-
 18 lowing subparagraph (vii) (as so added) the fol-
 19 lowing: “For purposes of subparagraph (vii) of this
 20 paragraph: The term ‘residue’ means material of
 21 bulk cargo that remains in an instrument of inter-
 22 national traffic after the bulk cargo is removed, with
 23 a quantity, by weight or volume, not exceeding 7
 24 percent of the bulk cargo, and with no or de minimis
 25 value. The term ‘bulk cargo’ means cargo that is
 26 unpackaged and is in either solid, liquid, or gaseous

1 form. The term ‘instruments of international traffic’
2 means containers or holders, capable of and suitable
3 for repeated use, such as lift vans, cargo vans, ship-
4 ping tanks, skids, pallets, caul boards, and cores for
5 textile fabrics, arriving (whether loaded or empty) in
6 use or to be used in the shipment of merchandise in
7 international traffic, and any additional articles or
8 classes of articles that the Commissioner of U.S.
9 Customs and Border Protection designates as in-
10 struments of international traffic.”.

11 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
12 subsection (a) take effect on the date of the enactment
13 of this Act and apply with respect to residue of bulk cargo
14 contained in instruments of international traffic that are
15 imported into the customs territory of the United States
16 on or after such date of enactment and that previously
17 have been exported from the United States.

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