

106TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 2648

To amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States to provide duty-free treatment for, and clarify the classification of, machines and components used in the manufacture of digital versatile discs (DVDs).

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 25, 2000

Mr. COVERDELL 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. DUTY-FREE TREATMENT FOR MACHINES AND**

4 **COMPONENTS USED IN THE MANUFACTURE**

5 **OF DVDS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subheadings 8477.10.40 and

7 8479.89.85 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the

1 United States are each amended by striking “video laser
2 discs” and inserting “digital versatile discs”.

3 (b) U.S. NOTE.—The additional U.S. Notes to chapter 4 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States are amended by adding at the end the following 6 new note:

7 “4. Notwithstanding notes 2, 3, and 4 of section XVI, machines and components used for the manufacture of digital 8 versatile discs under subheading 8479.89.85, and parts 9 thereof, whether imported separately or as a whole, include 10 mastering machines which are comprised of one or 11 more of the following machines or components: ashing machines, 12 lapping machines, center hole punching machines, 13 glass polishing machines, glass cleaning machines, in-line 14 system machines, laser encoder machines, electrolytic plating 15 machines, and electrolytic cleaning machines. Machines for the manufacture of digital versatile discs under 16 subheading 8479.89.85 also include replication machines 17 which are comprised of one or more of the following machines or components: bonding machines, aluminum sputter 18 machines, gold sputter machines, coater machines, 19 stacker machines, molds, inspection machines, control 20 panels, interface units, and optical laser scanners.”.

24 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by 25 subsections (a) and (b) apply with respect to goods en-

