

109TH CONGRESS
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S. 3231

To suspend temporarily the duty on certain structures, parts, and components for use in an isotopic separation facility.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 25, 2006

Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself and Mr. DOMENICI) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on certain structures, parts, and components for use in an isotopic separation facility.

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. CERTAIN STRUCTURES, PARTS, AND COMPO-**
4 **NENTS FOR USE IN AN ISOTOPIC SEPARA-**
5 **TION FACILITY.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the National Enrich-
7 ment Facility in southern New Mexico obtaining a license
8 to operate an isotopic separation facility from the Nuclear
9 Regulatory Commission, the Secretary of the Treasury is
10 authorized and directed to admit free of duty after Decem-

ber 31, 2006, the following articles, provided for in heading 8401.20.00 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, for the use in the construction of such enrichment facility:

(1) Centrifuge medium frequency drive supply, including medium frequency centrifuge drive converters, distribution and protection systems (isotopic separation equipment).

(2) Centrifuge supply and support systems, including centrifuge monitoring system, proprietary centrifuge protection system (isotopic separation equipment).

(3) Centrifuge plant control system, including proprietary software and hardware integration for core plant control systems (isotopic separation equipment).

(4) Cascade supply equipment (isotopic separation equipment) consisting of—

(A) centrifuge components, including individual component parts for the centrifuges to be supplied for assembly at the National Enrichment Facility;

(B) cascade header pipe-work modules (CHP), including approximately 2,000 modules specially designed to allow the correct distribu-

1 tion of the process gas into the cascade and
 2 made of a special grade aluminum; and

3 (C) cascade valve frames, including ap-
 4 proximately 50 manifold units to be the inter-
 5 face from the main process plant to the cascade
 6 and specially designed to enable optimum oper-
 7 ation of the cascades.

8 (5) Centrifuge process gas equipment (isotopic
 9 separation equipment) consisting of—

10 (A) centrifuge process gas aluminum pipe
 11 work of special grade aluminum tubing;

12 (B) centrifuge process gas valves, specially
 13 designed for optimum flow control of process
 14 gas; and

15 (C) centrifuge process gas delivery pump
 16 sets.

17 (b) RELIQUIDATION.—If the liquidation of an entry
 18 of any article described in subsection (a) has become final
 19 before December 31, 2011, the entry shall, notwith-
 20 standing any other provision of law, be reliquidated on De-
 21 cember 31, 2011, in accordance with the provisions of this
 22 section and the appropriate refund of duty made at the
 23 time of such reliquidation.

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