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Import Tax Relief Act of 2019

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Related Bills

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116 HR 1452	Identical bill	Feb 28, 2019: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

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This bill requires the President to establish a process by which certain articles imported from China may be excluded from duties.

Specifically, the bill requires the creation of a process whereby U.S. entities may request that articles imported from China be excluded from duties imposed under the Trade Act of 1974. Such an exclusion must be based on a determination that the article can easily be excluded by U.S. Customs and Border Protection and that (1) the article is not commercially available outside of China or produced at a cost-competitive price, (2) a duty on the article would increase consumer prices for everyday items consumed by low- or middle-income families in the United States, or (3) the article does not directly benefit from nonmarket-based policies of China.

Further, this exclusion applies retroactively to recently imported articles that would have been subject to a lower rate under this bill.

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