

United States Senate

March 15, 2023

Cynthia Wilson
Chairperson
The Committee for Statistical Annotation of Tariff Schedules
United States International Trade Commission
500 E. Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20436

RE: Section 484(f) Request for Changes to the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States

Dear Ms. Wilson,

We request the Committee for Statistical Annotation of the Tariff Schedules (“484(f) Committee”) refine the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS) to collect additional information on tart cherry juice concentrate imports by creating new statistical breakouts for imports of (1) certified organic tart cherry juice concentrate, (2) other tart cherry juice concentrate and (3) all other varieties of cherry juice. This additional information will help the domestic tart cherry industry better understand the economic impacts of organic tart cherry juice concentrate imports and other types of cherry juice imports.

Michigan grows more than 75 percent of the nation’s tart cherries with a crop valued at over \$54 million. The economic impact of this industry affects more than just growers. It also supports hundreds of processing and retail jobs and brings hundreds of thousands of visitors to northwest Michigan each year. Unfortunately, the domestic cherry industry has suffered in recent years due to unfair import competition, and the amount of tart cherry juice concentrate imports continues to rise.

Additional statistical breakouts in the HTS would allow for better monitoring of organic tart cherry juice concentrate imports. The current level of statistical data is not sufficient to understand the trade flows within the tart cherry juice market. This information will allow the domestic industry to analyze trade flows and volume trends of these imports more meaningfully.

We therefore request the 484(f) Committee refine the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States by creating a new statistical breakout for organic tart cherry juice concentrate. The current HTS breakout is as follows, each measured in liters:

2009.89.65 Cherry Juice

2009.89.65.11 Tart cherry juice concentrate

2009.89.65.90 Other

To determine the volumes of both organic and conventional tart cherry juice concentrate products, we propose the following HTS breakout:

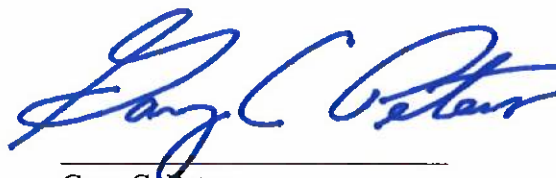
- 2009.89.65 Cherry Juice
 - 2009.89.65.xx Certified organic tart cherry juice concentrate
 - 2009.89.65.xx Other tart cherry juice concentrate
 - 2009.89.65.yy Certified organic tart cherry juice
 - 2009.89.65yy Other tart cherry juice
 - 2009.89.65.zz Other

Industry data shows there are more than three importers of organic tart cherry juice concentrate. The supplemental information provided in this letter shows that the volume of trade meets the threshold of more than \$1 million annually. We are attaching this information to assist you and the 484(f) Committee as you consider our request to create new statistical breakouts for tart cherry juice imports. We appreciate your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Debbie Stabenow
United States Senator



Gary C. Peters
United States Senator

ATTACHMENT 1

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Step 1: Trade Flow and Classification System	
Trade Flow	Imports For Consumption
Classification System	HTS Items
Step 2: Data and Years	
Data To Report	Customs Value
Data Format	1
Years	2021
Timeframe Aggregation	Annual
Step 3: Countries	
Select Type	Use All Countries
Country Aggregation	Aggregate countries
Step 4: Commodities	
Select Type	Select Individual Commodities
Commodity List	2009896511
Commodity Aggregation Level	10
Commodity Aggregation	Aggregate Commodities
Description Display	NO
Step 5: Programs	
Select Type	Use All Programs
Import Program Aggregation	Aggregate CSC
Step 6: Rate Provision Codes	
Select Type	Use All Provision Codes
Provision Code Aggregation	Aggregate RPCODE
Step 7: Districts	
Select Type	Use All Districts
District Aggregation	Aggregate District
Step 8: Report Layout	
Column Order	
Column Sort Order	
Percent Change Column	Unchecked
Show All	Checked
Enable Subtotals	Unchecked

Imports For Consumption | Annual Data

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	Data Type	TOTAL	Year 2021
Customs Value		TOTAL	15,349,048
Total:			15,349,048

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Provision Code Aggregation	Aggregate RPCODE
Step 7: Districts	
Select Type	Use All Districts
District Aggregation	Aggregate District
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Column Order	
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Enable Subtotals	Unchecked

Imports For Consumption | Annual Data

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Total:			18,047,780