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To provide duty-free treatment for certain foodstuffs originating in NAFTA countries.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. THURMAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

To provide duty-free treatment for certain foodstuffs originating in NAFTA countries.

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 OF CERTAIN FOOD-**
4 **STUFFS ORIGINATING IN NAFTA COUNTRIES.**

5 (a) AMENDMENTS TO U.S. NOTES.—Subchapter II
6 of chapter 98 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the
7 United States is amended by adding after U.S. note 6 the
8 following new note:

9 “7. Certain food preparations that are the product of Can-
10 ada or Mexico consisting of, or processed using, a ma-

1 terial exported from the United States.—The fol-
2 lowing provisions apply only to subheading
3 9802.00.95:

4 “(a) Entry of any product described by subheading
5 9802.00.95:

6 “(i) shall not be subject to duty under the pro-
7 visions of subchapter IV of chapter 99; and

8 “(ii) if a tariff-rate quota provision would have
9 applied to such product but for subheading
10 9802.00.95, the quantity of the product
11 entered under that subheading shall not be
12 counted against the quantity specified as
13 the in-quota quantity for any such product.

14 “(b) The term ‘product of Canada or Mexico’ means
15 a good:

16 “(i) that is determined to be a product of Can-
17 ada or of Mexico under rules of origin pro-
18 mulgated by the Secretary of the Treasury
19 pursuant to Annex 311 of the North
20 American Free Trade Agreement, as im-
21 plemented under the North American Free
22 Trade Agreement Implementation Act; or

23 “(ii) that is processed, packaged, or otherwise
24 advanced in value or improved in condition
25 in Canada or Mexico (or both) and that is

1 determined to be a product of the United
2 States under such rules of origin.

3 “(c) The term ‘product of the United States’ means
4 a good or material that is determined to be a
5 product of the United States under rules of ori-
6 gin promulgated by the Secretary of the Treas-
7 ury pursuant to Annex 311 of the North Amer-
8 ican Free Trade Agreement, as implemented
9 under the North American Free Trade Agree-
10 ment Implementation Act.

11 “(d) The term ‘processed in Canada or Mexico (or
12 both) using a good or material that was ex-
13 ported from the United States’ includes, but is
14 not limited to:

15 “(i) processing in Canada or Mexico using a
16 good or material that previously was im-
17 ported into the United States; and

18 “(ii) processing in Canada or Mexico using a
19 good or material that was processed in a
20 country or countries other than Canada or
21 Mexico after exportation from the United
22 States, if such processing did not effect a
23 change in the country of origin of the good
24 as exported from the United States.”.

1 (b) DUTY-FREE TREATMENT.—Subchapter II of
 2 chapter 98 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the
 3 United States is amended by inserting in numerical se-
 4 quence the following new heading:

“	9802.00.95	Any good of subheading 2008.11, that is a product of Canada or Mexico and that was processed in Canada or Mexico (or both) using a good or material exported from the United States, if the following conditions are met: (1) the good as imported into the United States is an originating good satisfying the requirements of General Note 12 of the tariff schedule; and (2) any good or material of heading 1202 or 2008 that was used in the processing in Canada or in Mexico (or both) of the good imported into the United States was a product of the United States and was produced from quota peanuts as defined in section 358–1 of the Agriculture Adjustment Act of 1938 that are products of the United States	Free (see U.S. note 7 of this subchapter)	”.
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5 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
 6 subsections (a) and (b) shall apply to goods entered, or
 7 withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after
 8 the 15th day after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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