

What is needed is an expeditious and effective remedy for domestic manufacturers injured by the improper administration of Customs laws with respect to imports of merchandise of a class or kind manufactured, produced, or sold at wholesale by them. It seems to us that the easiest way of allowing domestic industry an effective remedy against unfavorable customs administration without unduly prejudicing the rights of importers would be to grant to the United States Customs Courts jurisdiction over an action by interested domestic manufacturers in the nature of a mandamus or certiorari against the acts of Customs officers. Such a form of action should also constitute a procedure whereby domestic manufacturers could compel Customs officers to enforce such existing laws as the marking laws, previously discussed.

VI. CONCLUSION

Perhaps the most necessary innovation in Customs and Trade matters is for Congress to take a fresh look at the principles accepted by the Administration as the basis for its trade policies and a reassertion by the Congress of its constitutional authority to determine, for itself, and to oversee the operation of our nation's trade policy and its Customs laws. Congress should have some machinery for exercising closer direct supervision over Customs and Trade matters. The past practice of delegating broad powers over these matters to the Executive has led to our present unfavorable balance of trade. When non-commercial, government financed, shipments are separated from U.S. export statistics our balance of trade is exposed as being clearly unfavorable. The deficit becomes even more pronounced when adjustment is made for the difference in the costs included in U.S. export statistics from those costs included in U.S. import statistics. The time has come for Congress to take a hard look at the course of our Customs and Trade policy and to put a halt to the wholesale delegation of such responsibility to the Executive.

APPENDIX

MEMBER COMPANIES OF THE INDUSTRIAL RUBBER PRODUCTS DIVISION OF RUBBER MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

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 American Bilrite Rubber Co., Inc., Boston Woven Hose & Rubber Division, P.O. Box 1071, Boston, Mass 02103
 American Rubber Manufacturing Co., 1145 Park Avenue, Oakland, Calif. 94608
 Ames American Co., North Easton, Mass. 02356
 Bearfoot Sole Co., First & Water Sts., Wadsworth, Ohio 44281
 Beebe Rubber Co., 20-22 Marshall St., Nashua, N.H.
 Buffalo Weaving & Belting Co., Inc., 260 Chandler St., Buffalo, N.Y. 14207
 Buxbaum Co., 1212 Seventh St., S.W., Canton, Ohio 44707
 Carlisle Tire & Rubber Division, Carlisle Corp., College & C Sts., Carlisle, Pa. 17013
 Cincinnati Rubber Manufacturing Co., Franklin Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio 45212
 Continental Rubber Works, 2000 Liberty St., Erie, Pa. 16506
 Tyler Rubber Corp., 392 Pearl St., Malden, Mass. 02148
 Crown Products Co., Ralston, Nebr. 68051
 Dayco Corp., P.O. Box 1004, Dayton, Ohio 45401
 Dunlop Tire & Rubber Corp., P.O. Box 1109, Buffalo, N.Y. 14240
 Easthampton Rubber Thread Co., 26 Payson Ave., Easthampton, Mass. 01027
 Electric Hose & Rubber Co., 12th & Dure Sts., Wilmington, Del. 19899
 Firestone Tire & Rubber Co., 1200 Firestone Parkway, Akron, Ohio 44317
 Garlock, Inc., 402 E. Main St., Palmyra, N.Y. 14522
 Globe Manufacturing Co., 221 Pleasant St., Fall River, Mass. 02722
 Goodall Rubber Co., 572 Whitehead Rd., Trenton, N.J. 08604
 B. F. Goodrich Industrial Products Co., 500 South Main St., Akron, Ohio 44318
 Goodyear Rubber Co., 2400 Third St., San Francisco, Calif. 94107
 Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., 1144 E. Market St., Akron, Ohio 44316
 Hewitt-Robins, Inc., 666 Glenbrook Rd., Stamford, Conn. 06906
 Home Rubber Co., 30 Woolverton Ave., Trenton, N.J. 08605
 Jomac Roller Co., Inc., 2218 W. Lake St., Chicago, Ill. 60612