

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

**MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION
of the 110th Congress¹**

[Date approved: July 22, 2008]²

Bill No. and sponsor: H.R. 5432 (Mr. Keith Ellison of Minnesota).

Proponent name,³ location: Entegris, Inc., Billerica, MA.

Other bills on product (110th Congress only): None.

Nature of bill: Temporary duty suspension.

Retroactive effect: None.

Suggested article description(s) for enactment (including appropriate HTS subheading(s)):

Woven mesh fabric, certified by the importer as made of perfluoroalkoxy copolymer resin formed into fibers measuring 100 to 120 microns in diameter (provided for in subheading 5407.71.00).

Check one: Same as that in bill as introduced.
 Different from that in bill as introduced (see Technical comments section).

Product information, including uses/applications and source(s) of imports:

The product covered by this bill is woven mesh of perfluoroalkoxy copolymer resin with fibers measuring 100 to 120 microns in diameter. The woven mesh is used as support layers for filters used in semiconductor manufacturing. The proposed bill suggests a temporary suspension of the 14.9 percent duty.

¹ Industry analyst preparing report: Don Sussman (202-205-3331); Tariff Affairs contact: Jan Summers (202-205-2605).

² Access to an electronic copy of this memorandum is available at http://usitc.gov/tata/hts/other/rel_doc/bill_reports/index.htm.

³ The sponsor/proponent did not identify any beneficiaries of this bill.

Estimated effect on customs revenue:

HTS subheading: <u>5407.71.00</u>					
 	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Col. 1-General rate of duty	14.9%	14.9%	14.9%	14.9%	14.9%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$1,442,953	\$1,442,953	\$1,442,953	\$1,442,953	\$1,442,953
Customs revenue loss	\$215,000	\$215,000	\$215,000	\$215,000	\$215,000

Source of estimated dutiable import data: Industry estimates.

Contacts with domestic firms/organizations (including the proponent):

Name of firm/organization	Date contacted	Claim US makes same or competing product(s)?	Submission attached?	Opposition noted?
		(Yes/No)		
Dan Friedland, Patton Boggs for Entegris, Inc., 202-457-6402	05/22/2008	No	Yes	No
SEMI North America Victoria Hadfield, 202-289-0440	05/23/2008	No	Yes	No
Kris Bayer, American Fiber Manufacturers Association, 703-875-0432	05/23/2008	No	No	No

Technical comments:⁴

The article description should be amended as shown on page 1. Because criteria needed to define the product would require laboratory testing for verification, the importer certification is proposed as a way to assist Customs and Border Protection officials in administering the provision.

⁴ The Commission may express an opinion on the HTS classification of a product to facilitate consideration of the bill. However, by law, only the U.S. Customs Service is authorized to issue a binding ruling on this matter. The Commission believes that the U.S. Customs Service should be consulted prior to enactment of the bill.

110TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 5432

To suspend temporarily the duty on certain plastic mesh for use in filters.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 13, 2008

Mr. ELLISON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on certain plastic mesh
for use in filters.

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. PLASTIC MESH FOR FILTERS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 99 of
5 the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States is
6 amended by inserting in numerical sequence the following
7 new heading:

“	9902.01.00	Woven mesh of perfluoroalkoxy copolymer resin with fibers measuring 100 to 120 microns in diame- ter, for use in manufacturing filters of heading 8421 (pro- vided for in subheading 5407.71.00)	Free	No change	No change	On or before 12/31/2011	”.
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1 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
2 subsection (a) applies to articles entered, or withdrawn
3 from warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day
4 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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