

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

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

[Date approved: June 12, 2008]²

Bill No. and sponsor: H.R. 4994 (Mr. Marion Berry of Arkansas).

Proponent name,³ location: Wal*Mart Stores, Inc.

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

Nature of bill: Temporary duty suspension through December 31, 2011.

Retroactive effect: None.

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

Pneumatic mattresses, of textile materials other than cotton (provided for in subheading 6306.40.49).

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 subject product is an inflatable sleeping mattress typically made from polyester, rayon, or other textile materials; mattresses made of cotton are separately provided for under HTS subheading 6306.40.41 not covered by this bill, while those of plastics fall under provisions of chapter 39 of the HTS (as do inflatable mattresses for swimming pool use). Inflatable mattresses are generally sold in retail and sporting goods stores for indoor or outdoor use.

In 2007, total dutiable imports of the subject product of about \$36 million were reported, with the Czech Republic (\$28.2 million), China (\$6.8 million), and Taiwan (\$934,000) being the leading sources.

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>6306.40.49</u>					
 	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Col. 1-General rate of duty	3.7%	3.7%	3.7%	3.7%	3.7%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$36,000,000	\$36,000,000	\$36,000,000	\$36,000,000	\$36,000,000
Customs revenue loss	\$1,332,000	\$1,332,000	\$1,332,000	\$1,332,000	\$1,332,000

Source: Official U.S. Government statistics and information from industry sources.

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)		
Wal*Mart Stores, Inc. (Proponent), Tres Bailey, 202-434-0720	4/22/08	No	No	No
E & D Enterprises/Air Mattress Adjustable Bed Dale Burris, 918-951-1115	4/22/08	No	No	No
National Association of Manufacturers Patricia Meers, 202-637-3141	4/22/08	No	No	No
Sleep Pros Chris Anderson, 800-941-4815	4/22/08	No	No	No
Vinyl Products Manufacturing, Inc. Kim Brown, 775-882-4472	4/22/08	Yes	Yes	Yes

Technical comments:⁴

It is suggested that the proposed description be modified as shown on page 1 to correspond more closely to the permanent tariff description.

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. 4994

To suspend temporarily the duty on certain inflatable mattresses.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 16, 2008

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

A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on certain inflatable mattresses.

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. CERTAIN INFLATABLE MATTRESSES.**

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	Pneumatic inflatable mattresses not of cotton (provided for in subheading 6306.40.49)	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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