

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

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

[Date approved: April 10, 2008]²

Bill No. and sponsor: H.R. 4474 (Mr. Joe Courtney of Connecticut).

Proponent name,³ location: The Warren Corporation, Stafford Springs, CT.

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)):

Yarn of carded hair of Kashmir (cashmere) goats, of yarn count less than 19.35 metric, not put up for retail sale (provided for in subheading 5108.10.80).

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:

This bill covers yarns made wholly of carded cashmere and those of carded cashmere blends in which the cashmere predominates by weight over any other single textile fiber. Carding serves to disentangle the fibers to prepare them for spinning and is done by passing the fibers between rollers covered with fine teeth. This step produces cashmere in the form of a loose, untwisted rope-like sliver, ready for spinning into carded yarn. The yarns are coarser yarns of less than 19.35 metric yarn count.⁴ Such yarns are typically woven into heavier fabrics for use in outerwear and sport coats.

The subject yarns are provided for in HTS subheading 5108.10.80, which covers all yarns of carded fine animal hair, other than Angora rabbit hair and mohair (but including alpaca, camelhair, and other fine animal hair). In 2007, dutiable U.S. imports under HTS subheading 5108.10.80 totaled just under \$2.0 million (21,000 kilograms). Italy was the primary supplier of such yarns, followed by China and the United Kingdom.

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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 additional beneficiaries of this bill.

⁴ Metric yarn count refers to the number of kilometers of yarn per kilogram. The higher the metric count, the finer the yarn.

Estimated effect on customs revenue:

HTS subheading: 5108.10.80					
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Col. 1-General rate of duty (AVE)	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
Customs revenue loss	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000

Source of estimated dutiable import data: Commission 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)		
The Warren Corporation (Proponent) Lisa Cornish, 860-684-2766 (ext. 113)	2/22/2008	No	Yes	No
American Manufacturing Trade Action Coalition Sara Ormand, 202-452-0866	2/26/2008	No	Yes	No
Hanora Spinning Gerald Beyer, Fax: 401-765-6991	2/26/2008	No	No	No
Kent Manufacturing Mark Kent, 864-878-6367 (ext. 2525)	2/26/2008	No	No	No
Jagger Brothers David Jagger, 207-324-5622	2/26/2008	No	No	No
National Textile Association David Trumbull, 617-542-8220	2/26/2008	No	Yes	No
Victor Woollen Products, Ltd. Terry Winkler, 800-591-1139	2/26/2008	No	No	No
Tailored Clothing Association David Starr, dastarr@wms-jen.com	2/26/2008	No	No	No

Technical comments:⁵

It is suggested that the article description be amended to read as shown on page 1. Specifically, the second instance of the word “yarn” in the bill as drafted is redundant, and the language “coarser than 19.35 metric,” is somewhat confusing. The wording shown on page 1 should make it clear that the metric yarn count number should be a number below 19.35, denoting a coarser or heavier yarn.

⁵ 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
1ST SESSION

H. R. 4474

To suspend temporarily the duty on yarn of carded cashmere yarn coarser than 19.35 metric.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 12, 2007

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

A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on yarn of carded cashmere yarn coarser than 19.35 metric.

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. YARN OF CARDED CASHMERE YARN COARSER**

4 **THAN 19.35 METRIC.**

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

“	9902.____	Yarn of carded cashmere yarn coarser than 19.35 metric (provided for in sub-heading 5108.10.80)	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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