

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

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

[Date approved: March 27, 2008]²

Bill No. and sponsor: H.R. 4483 (Mr. Joe Courtney of Connecticut).

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

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

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

Retroactive effect: None.

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

Noils of camel hair (provided for in subheading 5103.10.00).

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:

This bill covers noils of camel hair. Noils are a type of waste and are the short fibers discarded during the combing process in making combed yarns. Camel hair noils are typically mixed with other fibers such as wool or cashmere and made into blended yarns. Camel hair noils are provided for in HTS subheading 5103.10.00, which covers noils of wool or of fine animal hair. U.S. imports under HTS 5103.10.00 totaled \$1.4 million in 2007. China was the primary supplier of such noils in 2007, followed by Australia.⁴

¹ Industry analyst preparing report: Heidi Colby-Oizumi (202-205-3391); Tariff Affairs contact: Dan Shepherdson (202-205-2598).

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

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

⁴ Products imported from Australia already enter the United States duty-free under provisions of the U.S.-Australia FTA.

Estimated effect on customs revenue:

HTS subheading: 5103.10.00					
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Col. 1-General rate of duty (AVE) <u>1/</u>	2.6¢/kilo (0.9%)	2.6¢/kilo (0.9%)	2.6¢/kilo (0.9%)	2.6¢/kilo (0.9%)	2.6¢/kilo (0.9%)
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
Customs revenue loss <u>2/</u>	\$0	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$1,800

1/ The AVE is the ad valorem equivalent of a specific or compound duty rate expressed as a percent, using the most recent import data available.

2/ There is an existing duty suspension under HTS heading 9902.12.25 that expires on December 31, 2009. Therefore, there will be no customs revenue loss related to this bill in 2009.

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)	
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	2/28/2008	No	No	No
Hanora Spinning Gerald Beyer, Fax: 401-765-6991	2/26/2008	No	No	No
Jagger Brothers David Jagger, 207-324-5622	2/26/2008	No	No	No
Kent Manufacturing Mark Kent, 864-878-6367 (ext. 2525)	2/26/2008	No	No	No
National Council of Textile Organizations David Trumbull, 202-822-8026	2/26/2008	No	No	No
National Textile Association David Trumbull, 617-542-8220	2/26/2008	No	Yes	No
Tailored Clothing Association David Starr, dastarr@wms-jen.com	2/26/2008	No	No	No
Victor Woollen Products, Ltd. Terry Winkler	2/26/2008	No	No	No

Technical comments:⁵

None.

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. 4483

To extend the temporary suspension of duty on noils of camel hair.

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 extend the temporary suspension of duty on noils of
camel hair.

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. NOILS OF CAMEL HAIR.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Heading 9902.12.25 of the Har-
5 monized Tariff Schedule of the United States is amended
6 by striking “12/31/2009” and inserting “12/31/2011”.

7 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
8 subsection (a) applies with respect to goods entered, or
9 withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after
10 the 15th day after the date of the enactment of this Act.