

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

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

[Date approved: May 5, 2008]²

Bill No. and sponsor: H.R. 4485 (Mr. Joe Courtney of Connecticut).

Proponent name,³ location: Bollore Inc., Dayville, CT.

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

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

Retroactive effect: None.

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

Biaxially oriented polypropylene film, certified by the importer as intended for use in capacitors and as produced from solvent-washed low ash content (<50 ppm) polymer resin (CAS No. 9003-07-0) (provided for in subheading 3920.20.00).

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 subject product consists of biaxially oriented polypropylene film having a thickness range of between 3 microns to 25 microns. It is made from solvent-washed low ash content polypropylene plastic resin. The product is imported from France, Germany, Japan, and Korea.

¹ Industry analyst preparing report: Robert Randall (202-205-3366); Tariff Affairs contact: David Michels (202-205-3440).

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.

Estimated effect on customs revenue:

HTS subheading: 3920.20.00					
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Col. 1-General rate of duty	4.2%	4.2%	4.2%	4.2%	4.2%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$305,000	\$305,000	\$305,000	\$305,000	\$305,000
Customs revenue loss 1/	\$0	\$12,810	\$12,810	\$12,810	\$12,810

1/ There is an existing duty reduction under HTS heading 9902.25.75 that expires on December 31, 2009. Although this bill would suspend the 3.7 percent duty under HTS heading 9902.25.75, there would be no customs revenue loss related to this bill in 2009 because it does not take effect until January 1, 2010.

Source of estimated dutiable import data: U.S. industry estimates.

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

Name of firm/organization	Date contacted	US production of same or competitive product claimed?	Submission attached?	Opposition noted?
			(Yes/No)	
Bollore Inc. (Proponent) Stephen Brunetti, 860-774-7431	2/28/2008	No	No	No
Mitsubishi Polyester Film Carlton Winn, 864-879-5811	3/8/2008	No	No	No
SKC Polyester Films Jeff Brown, 678-342-1132	3/8/2008	No	No	No
Steiner Film, Incorporated Stan Cichanowski, 413-458-9525	3/8/2008	No	Yes	No
Terephane Dan Roy, 585-755-2815	3/8/2008	No	No	No
Toray Plastics (America), Inc. Paul Knollmeyer, 401-294-4511	3/8/2008	No	No	No

Technical comments:⁴

None.

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
1ST SESSION

H. R. 4485

To extend and revise the temporary suspension of duty on Biaxially oriented polypropylene dielectric film.

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 and revise the temporary suspension of duty on Biaxially oriented polypropylene dielectric film.

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. BIAXIALLY ORIENTED POLYPROPYLENE DI-**
4 **ELECTRIC FILM.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Heading 9902.25.75 of the Har-
6 monized Tariff Schedule of the United States is amend-
7 ed—

8 (1) by striking “3.7%” and inserting “Free”;
9 and

1 (2) by striking “12/31/2009” and inserting
2 “12/31/2011”.

3 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by
4 subsection (a) applies with respect to goods entered, or
5 withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after
6 January 1, 2010.

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