

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

**MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION
of the 109th Congress¹**

[Date approved: August 17, 2006]²

Bill No. and sponsor: S. 2930 (Mr. Thomas Carper of Delaware).

Proponent name, location: E.I. du Pont de Nemours and Company, Wilmington DE.

Other bills on product (109th Congress only): None.

Nature of bill: Extension of existing temporary duty suspension through December 31, 2009.

Retroactive effect: None.

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

Ink-jet textile printing machinery (provided for in subheading 8443.51.10).

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:

Ink-jet textile printing machinery is designed for a variety of applications, including the manufacture of printed textiles, accessories, apparel, home furnishings, gaming table covers, flags, and banners. Ink-jet textile printing machinery consist of three major components: a printer, dye ink, and software. The principal import source of ink-jet textile printing machinery is Japan.

¹ Industry analyst preparing report: Ruben Mata (202-205-3403); 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.

Estimated effect on customs revenue:

HTS subheading: 8443.51.10					
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Col. 1-General rate of duty	2.6%	2.6%	2.6%	2.6%	2.6%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$116,800	\$116,800	\$116,800	\$116,800	\$116,800
Customs revenue loss 1/	\$3,037	\$3,037	\$3,037	\$3,037	\$3,037

1/ The estimated Customs revenue loss for 2006 reflects the existing duty suspension under heading 9902.01.92 that expires on December 31, 2006.³

Source of estimated dutiable import data: Industry and 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)		
E.I. du Pont de Nemours and Company (Proponent) Sharee Lawler, 202-728-3664	06/22/2006	No	No	No
American Textile Manufacturers Institute Christian Schindler, 703-538-1789	07/06/2006	No	No	No
Digital Textile Image Co. Jan Kloss, 201-984-1910	07/07/2006	No	No	No

Technical comments:⁴ None.

³ This product's duty suspension was enacted in section 2134 of the Miscellaneous Trade and Technical Corrections Act of 1999 (Pub. L. 106-36, 113 Stat. 127, 142), and the article description has continued unchanged.

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.

109TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

S. 2930

To extend temporarily the suspension of duty on ink jet textile printing machinery.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 23, 2006

Mr. CARPER introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

To extend temporarily the suspension of duty on ink jet textile printing machinery.

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. INK JET TEXTILE PRINTING MACHINERY.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Heading 9902.01.92 of the Har-
5 monized Tariff Schedule of the United States (relating to
6 ink jet textile printing machinery) is amended by striking
7 “12/31/2006” and inserting “12/31/2009”.

8 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
9 subsection (a) applies to goods entered, or withdrawn from

- 1 warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after
- 2 the date of enactment of this Act.

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