



MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION of the 112th Congress

Date approved

I. Background

Bill number:

Sponsor name:

Sponsor state:

Interested entity:

Name

City

State

Other bills on product (112th Congress only):

Nature of bill:

Expiration date:

Current or previous chapter 99 heading:

Retroactive date:

CAS number (if applicable):

Industry analyst:

Telephone:

Tariff Affairs contact:

Telephone:

Note:

1. Access to an electronic copy of this memorandum is available at http://www.usitc.gov/tariff_affairs/congress_reports/.
2. In regard to the country(ies) of origin listed in section III, this report focuses on dutiable imports and does not take into account any tariff preference programs or special rates of duty.

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

Acrylic staple fibers, (polyacrylonitrile staple), not carded, combed or otherwise processed for spinning, the foregoing containing by weight 92 percent or more of polyacrylonitrile, not more than 0.01 percent of zinc and 2 percent or more but not over 8 percent of water, with a decitex of 2.4 to 3.7 (plus or minus 10 percent), a fiber shrinkage of 0 to 22 percent (plus or minus 10 percent), and with a cut fiber length of 89 mm to 140 mm, and a target length of 115 mm (provided for in subheading 5503.30.00)

Description above compared with bill as introduced:

- Same
 Different (see Technical Comments section)

III. Other product information, including uses/applications and source(s) of imports

The subject product is used in the production of craft yarns. U.S. imports are primarily from Portugal, Turkey, Thailand, Egypt, Mexico, and Spain.

IV. Estimated effect on customs revenue

Subject product HTS subheading(s)	5503.30.00				
Item	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Col.1-general rate of duty (%)	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3
Estimated value of <i>dutiable</i> imports (\$)	750,000	900,000	1,000,000	1,200,000	1,400,000
Customs revenue loss (\$)	32,250	38,700	43,000	51,600	60,200

Note: Customs revenue loss is provided for 5 years, although the effective period of the proposed legislation may differ. Regarding the HTS subheading listed in the article description of the bill, the Commission may express an opinion on the HTS classification of a product to facilitate consideration of the bill. However, by law, only U.S. Customs and Border Protection is authorized to issue a binding ruling on this matter. The Commission believes that Customs should be consulted prior to enactment of the bill.

Dutiable imports were based on (more than one may apply):

- Official statistics of the U.S. Department of Commerce
 Provided by industry sources
 Industry information
 Commission estimates

Duty reduction notes:

- This bill is not a duty reduction
 This bill is a temporary duty reduction. Rates are shown below.

Col.1-general duty rate (%) Temporary rate (%) Percentage point reduction (%)

V. Technical comments

To be consistent and normal HTS usage, we suggest deleting the comma after "combed" in the article description.

VI. Continuation

Suggested Article Description... -- continued:

If enacted, the tariff relief provided for in this bill would be available to any entity that imports the product that is covered by the bill.

VII. Contacts with domestic firms/organizations

	# Firm/organization and contact name	Telephone number	Claims same or competing product made in the United States	Submission attached	Opposition noted
1	Coats North America (Interested entity) Chris Smith	704-329-5800	No	No	No
2	American Fiber Manufacturers Association Frank Horne	404-266-0764	No	No	No
3	Glen Raven, Inc. John Coates	336-227-6211	No	No	No
4	Mitsui USA, Inc. Takeshi Buck Ogaku	212-878-4000	No	No	No
5	National Spinning Co., Inc. Jim Chesnutt	252-975-7218	No	No	No
6	Patrick Yarn Mills Gilbert Patrick	704-739-4119	No	No	No
7	Sterling Fibers, Inc. Susie Allender	850-994-5311	No	No	No
8	Tuscarora Yarns, Inc. Joe S. McLester	704-436-6527	No	No	No

112TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 4418

To suspend temporarily the duty on certain acrylic staple fibers.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 19, 2012

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

A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on certain acrylic staple fibers.

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 ACRYLIC STAPLE FIBERS.**

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	Acrylic staple fibers (polyacrylonitrile staple), not carded, combed, or otherwise processed for spinning, the foregoing containing by weight 92 percent or more of polyacrylonitrile, not more than 0.01 percent of zinc and 2 percent or more but not over 8 percent of water, with a decitex of 2.4 to 3.7 (plus or minus 10 percent), a fiber shrinkage of from 0 to 22 percent (plus or minus 10 percent), and a cut fiber length of 89 to 140 mm, with a target length of 115 mm (provided for in subheading 5503.30.00)	Free	No change	No change	On or before 12/31/2015”.
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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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