



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)):

Camel hair, processed beyond the degreased or carbonized condition (provided for in HTS subheading 5102.19.90).

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

Camel hair is a specialty animal hair that is often used in its original tan color. The camel hair provided for in this bill is generally ready for carding and/or combing, after which it is spun into yarn. In most cases, the resulting yarn is used to make woven fabrics for men's and women's jackets and coats. HTS subheading 5102.19.90 is a residual or "basket" category and also covers other fine animal hair that has been processed beyond the degreased or carbonized condition (other than cashmere), including mohair and hair of the alpaca and llama. U.S. imports under HTS subheading 5102.19.90 totaled \$201 million in 2010. Over two-thirds of these imports were from China. The column 1-general duty rate for this HTS subheading is 4.9¢/kg plus 4 percent ad valorem, and the calculated ad valorem equivalent duty rate is 4.3 percent.

IV. Estimated effect on customs revenue

Subject product HTS subheading(s)	5102.19.90				
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 (\$)	350,000	350,000	350,000	350,000	350,000
Customs revenue loss (\$)	15,050	15,050	15,050	15,050	15,050

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

Although the bill's title has no legal significance, we note that the bill would actually extend the current duty suspension.

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	Warren Corporation (Interested entity), Lisa Cornish	860-684-2766	No	No	No
2	American Manufacturing Trade Action Coalition, Sara Beatty	202-452-0866	No	No	No
3	Hanora Spinning, Gerald Beyer	401-767-3360	No	No	No
4	Jagger Brothers, David Jagger	207-324-5622	No	No	No
5	National Council of Textile Organizations, Sarah Pierce	202-822-8026	No	No	No
6	National Textile Association, David Trumbull	617-542-8220	No	No	No
7	KentWool Mark Kent	864-878-6367	Yes	No	No

112TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 4525

To extend the temporary reduction of duty on camel hair, processed beyond the degreased or carbonized condition.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 24, 2012

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

A BILL

To extend the temporary reduction of duty on camel hair, processed beyond the degreased or carbonized condition.

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. CAMEL HAIR, PROCESSED BEYOND THE**
4 **DEGREASED OR CARBONIZED CONDITION.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Heading 9902.12.20 of the Har-
6 monized Tariff Schedule of the United States (relating to
7 camel hair, processed beyond the degreased or carbonized
8 condition) is amended by striking the date in the effective
9 period column and inserting “12/31/2015”.

1 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by
2 subsection (a) apply with respect to goods entered, or
3 withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after
4 the 15th day after the date of enactment of this Act.

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