



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 filament tow containing 85 percent or more by weight of acrylonitrile units and 2 percent or more but not over 3 percent of water, raw white (undyed), crimped, with an average decitex of 3.3 (plus or minus 10 percent) and an aggregate filament measure in the tow bundle from 660,000 to 1,200,000 decitex, with a length greater than 2 meters (provided for in subheading 5501.30.00)

(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.)

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

These fibers are used to make craft yarns and yarns for sweaters and military uniforms. Imports are mainly from Turkey, Germany, and Peru.

IV. Estimated effect on customs revenue

Subject product HTS subheading(s)	5501.30.00				
Item	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Col.1-general rate of duty (%) or percentage point reduction	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5
Estimated value of <i>dutiable</i> imports (\$)	6,000,000	6,000,000	6,000,000	6,000,000	6,000,000
Customs revenue loss (\$)	450,000	450,000	450,000	450,000	450,000

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

The article description set forth above changed the word "fiber" to "filament" to match the wording of the permanent HTS provision referenced. Also, the revised language changed the phrase "between 660,000 and 1,200,000 decitex" to "from 660,000 to 1,200,000 decitex" for consistency with similar chapter 99 provisions and to reflect the intent described by the interested entity.

VI. Continuation

Criteria specified in the article description of HTS heading 9902.40.14 overlap those specified in heading 9902.10.21 and are close to or overlapping with those of several other temporary HTS headings (taking into account specified variances), making an accurate estimate of future imports under each such heading difficult.

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	National Spinning Co., Inc. (Interested entity) Jim Chesnutt	252-975-7218	No	No	No
2	American Fiber Manufacturers Association Frank Horne	404-266-0764	No	No	No
3	Coats North America Chris Smith	704-329-5800	No	No	No
4	Glen Raven, Inc. John Coates	336-227-6211	No	No	No
5	Mitsui USA, Inc. Takeshi Buck Ogaku	212-878-4000	No	No	No
6	Patrick Yarn Mills Gilbert Patrick	704-739-4119	No	No	No
7	Sterling Fibers, Inc. Suzie 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. 4549

To extend the temporary suspension of duty on certain acrylic fiber tow.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 24, 2012

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

A BILL

To extend the temporary suspension of duty on certain acrylic fiber tow.

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 FIBER TOW.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Heading 9902.40.14 of the Har-
5 monized Tariff Schedule of the United States (relating to
6 certain acrylic fiber tow) is amended by striking “12/31/
7 2012” and inserting “12/31/2015”.

8 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
9 subsection (a) apply with respect to goods entered, or

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

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