



## 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/](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)):

Staple fibers of viscose rayon, not carded, combed, or otherwise processed for spinning (provided for in subheading 5504.10.00)

(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

Viscose rayon is an artificial manmade fiber produced from cellulosic materials such as wood pulp, which is processed into viscose liquid and extruded through perforated metal disks (spinnerets) into an acid bath to produce long fiber strands. The viscose rayon strands are then cut to produce staple fibers. The fibers are used in a variety of applications, including in apparel, sanitary products, and nonwoven products. These fibers are primarily imported from Finland and Germany.

## IV. Estimated effect on customs revenue

| Subject product HTS subheading(s)               | 5504.10.00 |           |           |           |           |
|---|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 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 (\$) | 1,500,000  | 1,500,000 | 1,500,000 | 1,500,000 | 1,500,000 |
| Customs revenue loss (\$)                       | 64,500     | 64,500    | 64,500    | 64,500    | 64,500    |

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

Heading 9902.25.59 previously provided a reduced duty rate of 3.4% ad valorem for the covered products; the heading expired at the close of 2009. Narrower groupings of viscose rayon fibers are already covered by headings 9902.23.33 and 9902.55.04. Because this bill would cover the entire scope of the permanent tariff category, while other temporary headings and related bills cover subsets of HTS subheading 5504.10.00, it is not possible to estimate accurately the volume of imports

and resulting revenue loss that would result only from this bill.

**VI. Continuation**

Other House bills covering goods classified in HTS subheading 5504.10.00 include H.R. 4422, 4583, 4585, 4586, and 4603.

## 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 Council of Textile Organizations<br>(Interested entity)<br>Sarah Pierce | 202-822-8026        | No   | No                  | No               |
| 2  | American Fiber Manufacturers Association<br>Frank Horn                           | 678-974-7928        | No   | No                  | No               |
| 3  | American Manufacturing Trade Action<br>Coalition<br>Sara Beatty                  | 202-452-0866        | No   | No                  | No               |
| 4  | Consolidated Fibers<br>Bob Kunik   | 704-293-6240        | No   | No                  | No               |
| 5  | Inman Mills<br>Ben Truslow   | 864-472-0252        | No   | No                  | No               |
| 6  | Invista<br>Jodie Stutzman  | 316-828-1786        | No   | No                  | No               |
| 7  | Johnson & Johnson<br>Ralph Sheppard  | 203-256-1401        | No   | No                  | No               |
| 8  | Kimberly-Clark<br>Fred Shaffer   | 920-721-3117        | No   | No                  | No               |
| 9  | Milliken & Company<br>Kathi Duthil   | 202-775-0084        | No   | No                  | No               |
| 10 | National Spinning<br>Bob Miller  | 212-382-6403        | No   | No                  | No               |
| 11 | Nice-Pak<br>Shawn Smith  | 845-365-1700        | No   | No                  | No               |
| 12 | Parkdale Mills<br>Shane Hamrick  | 704-874-5046        | No   | No                  | No               |
| 13 | Procter & Gamble<br>Scott Miller   | 202-393-3404        | No   | No                  | No               |
| 14 | Shuford Yarns<br>Marvin Smith  | 828-324-4265, x2224 | No   | No                  | No               |
| 15 | Suominen<br>Larry Kinn   | 860-654-8300        | No   | No                  | No               |
| 16 | Tuscarora Yarns<br>Joe McLester  | 704-436-0422        | No   | No                  | No               |
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112TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 4582

To extend the suspension of duty on staple fibers of viscose rayon, not carded, combed, or otherwise processed for spinning.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 24, 2012

Mrs. MYRICK introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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## A BILL

To extend the suspension of duty on staple fibers of viscose rayon, not carded, combed, or otherwise processed for spinning.

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. STAPLE FIBERS OF VISCOSE RAYON, NOT**  
4 **CARDED, COMBED, OR OTHERWISE PROC-**  
5 **ESSED FOR SPINNING.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Heading 9902.25.59 of the Har-  
7 monized Tariff Schedule of the United States (relating to  
8 staple fibers of viscose rayon, not carded, combed, or oth-  
9 erwise processed for spinning) is amended by striking the

1 date in the effective period column and inserting “12/31/  
2 2015”.

3 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by  
4 this section applies to goods entered, or withdrawn from  
5 warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after  
6 the date of the enactment of this Act.

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