



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)):

Staple fibers of viscose rayon, not carded, combed or otherwise processed for spinning, measuring over 1.3 decitex but less than 1.67 decitex and having a fiber length each measuring 20 mm or more but not over 150 mm (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 a 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. End uses for the subject rayon fibers include home furnishings products. Japan is the primary supplier of these rayon fibers to the United States.

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 (\$)	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Customs revenue loss (\$)	43,000	43,000	43,000	43,000	43,000

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 word "artificial" was removed from the description of the staple fibers to conform with the language in existing chapter 99 headings. Similarly, the range of decitex units that would be required was modified slightly to avoid overlap with both existing heading 9902.23.33 and the provision that would be created in H.R. 4585.

VI. Continuation

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

112TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 4586

To suspend temporarily the duty on artificial staple fibers of viscose rayon,
not carded, combed or otherwise processed for spinning.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 24, 2012

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

A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on artificial staple fibers
of viscose rayon, not carded, combed or otherwise pro-
cessed 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. ARTIFICIAL STAPLE FIBERS OF VISCOSE**
4 **RAYON, NOT CARDED, COMBED OR OTHER-**
5 **WISE PROCESSED FOR SPINNING.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 99 of
7 the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States is
8 amended by inserting in numerical sequence the following
9 new heading:

“	9902.01.00	Artificial staple fibers of viscose rayon, not carded, combed or otherwise processed for spinning, measuring greater than 1.3 decitex to 1.66 decitex and having a fiber length each measuring 20 mm or more but not over 150 mm (provided for in subheading 5504.10.00)	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 goods entered, or withdrawn from
3 warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after
4 the date of the enactment of this Act.

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