



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)):

Glass fiber rovings (other than of a kind used in industry as packing or lubricating materials) with filaments having a specific modulus (calculated using specific weight) of 3.57x10^6 m and a specific tensile strength of 122,000 m (provided for in subheading 7019.12.00)

(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

The subject product is glass fiber rovings, usually imported as extruded glass filaments bundled together for further processing or use as a manufacturing input. Glass fiber rovings are used in the manufacture of fiberglass for industrial applications, such as for transportation and alternative energy products (e.g., wind turbine blades). China is the largest supplier of glass fiber rovings to the U.S. market.

IV. Estimated effect on customs revenue

Subject product HTS subheading(s)	7019.12.00				
Item	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Col.1-general rate of duty or percentage point reduction (%)	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.8
Estimated value of <i>dutiable</i> imports (\$)	4,000,000	8,000,000	12,000,000	16,000,000	20,000,000
Customs revenue loss (\$)	192,000	384,000	576,000	768,000	960,000

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 as set forth above would describe the product more specifically and clearly, in conformity with the language of the permanent tariff provisions.

VI. Continuation

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	AGY (Interested entity) David L. Fecko	814-506-1517	No	No	No
2	American Manufacturing Trade Action Coalition Sara Beatty	202-452-0866	No	No	No
3	National Council of Textile Organizations Sarah Pierce	202-822-8026	No	No	No
4	Association of the Nonwoven Fabrics Industry (INDA) Jessica Franken	703-521-0545	No	No	No
5	American Fiber Manufacturers Association Paul T. O'Day	703-875-0432	No	No	No
6	Owens Corning John Libonati	202-216-1080	No	No	No
7	Superior Oil Company Shen Wang	317-781-4400	No	No	No

112TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 4830

To suspend temporarily the duty on certain glass fibers and articles thereof.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 26, 2012

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on certain glass fibers and articles thereof.

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 GLASS FIBERS AND ARTICLES THERE-**
4 **OF.**

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

“	9902.01.00	Glass fibers and articles thereof: slivers, rovings, yarns and chopped strands: rovings, other (provided for in subheading 7019.12.00)	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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