



## 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)):**

Necklaces or bracelets of precious or semiprecious stones (natural, synthetic or reconstructed), valued at \$10 or more but not over \$40 per piece, other than necklaces or bracelets containing jadeites or rubies (provided for in 7116.20.05).

(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 products contain precious or semiprecious stones, excluding such jewelry containing jadeites or rubies. Necklaces and bracelets, if made of base metal and set with readily available but less-costly semiprecious stones, would likely be considered "fashion jewelry" rather than "precious jewelry" in the marketplace but are grouped together for tariff purposes. China is the major source for U.S. imports of this jewelry.

**IV. Estimated effect on customs revenue**

Subject product HTS subheading(s)	7116.20.05				
Item	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Col.1-general rate of duty or percentage point reduction (%)	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3
Estimated value of <i>dutiable</i> imports (\$)	20,000,000	20,000,000	20,000,000	20,000,000	20,000,000
Customs revenue loss (\$)	660,000	660,000	660,000	660,000	660,000

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 has been modified for greater clarity and for conformity with other HTS 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	ANN, Inc. (Interested entity) Bryan Wolfe	212-536-4183	No	No	No
2	Anthropologie Daryl Strickland	800-309-2500	No	No	No
3	Claire's Stores, Inc. J. Per Brodin	954-433-3900	No	No	No
4	Coldwater Creek, Inc. Bobbi Earle	208-263-3977	No	No	No
5	Fashion Jewelry and Accessories Trade Association (FJATA) Brent Cleaveland	401-667-0520	Yes	No	No
6	Gap Inc. Margot Shaub	650-952-4400	No	No	No
7	J.C. Penney Co., Inc. Sandra Fallgatter	214-544-5652	No	No	No
8	J.Crew Group, Inc. Jennifer O'Connor	212-209-9656	No	No	No
9	J.Jill Group, Inc. Julie Lazorko	617-376-4300	No	No	No
10	Lord & Taylor Tim O'Neill	212-391-3486	No	No	No
11	Macy's, Inc. Theresa Gieske	513-579-7977	No	No	No
12	Nordstrom, Inc. Tara Darrow	206-628-2111	No	No	No
13	Sears Holdings Corp. Misty Redman	847-286-1535	No	No	No
14	The Talbots, Inc. Meredith Paley	212-841-1845	No	No	No
15	The TJX Companies, Inc. Sean Kenney	508-390-2652	No	No	No

112TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 5172

To suspend temporarily the duty on necklaces or bracelets, other than necklaces or bracelets containing jadeites or rubies, valued \$10 each or higher.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 27, 2012

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

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## A BILL

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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. NECKLACES OR BRACELETS, OTHER THAN**  
4 **NECKLACES OR BRACELETS CONTAINING**  
5 **JADEITES OR RUBIES, VALUED \$10 EACH OR**  
6 **HIGHER.**

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

“	9902.01.00	Necklaces or bracelets, other than necklaces or bracelets containing jadeites or rubies, valued \$10 each or higher (pro- vided for in 7116.20.05) ...	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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