



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)):

Rolled glass in sheets, yellow-green in color, not finished or edge-worked, textured on one surface, suitable for incorporation in cooking stoves, ranges or ovens described in subheading 8516.60.40 (provided for in subheading 7003.12.00 or 7003.19.00).

(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 products are rectangular sheets of glass that are yellow-green in color, not finished or edge-worked (cut or processed along edge), and textured on one surface. The subject glass is formulated to yield a glass-ceramic material upon further heat treatment. These sheets are cut to shape and subjected to further manufacturing operations to produce a glass-ceramic material for cooktop applications. Imports of this product come from Germany and France.

IV. Estimated effect on customs revenue

Subject product HTS subheading(s)	7003.12.00 or 7003.19.00 (see Continuation)				
Item	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Col.1-general rate of duty (%) or percentage point reduction	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
Estimated value of <i>dutiable</i> imports (\$)	56,000,000	58,000,000	60,000,000	62,000,000	64,000,000
Customs revenue loss (\$)	392,000	406,000	420,000	434,000	448,000

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

Although the title of the bill has no legal significance, the nature of the bill would be clearer if the title were amended to reflect that it is an extension of a temporary duty reduction rather than a temporary duty suspension. No changes to the article description of the existing heading are suggested.

VI. Continuation

Other product information - continued:

No industry contact confirmed U.S. production of the subject product. Estimated effect on customs revenue – continued:

Estimated effects on customs revenue -- continued:

The estimated Customs revenue loss reported in the data table of Section IV is based on an average weighted rate. Below are the calculations of customs revenue loss separated by HTS number.

HTS No 7003.12.00 (1.4%)

2013 - 14,000

2014 - 14,000

2015 - 14,000

2016 - 14,000

2017 - 14,000

The estimated customs revenue loss is based on a temporary reduction of the general rate of duty from 1.4 percent ad valorem to 0.7 percent ad valorem, a reduction of 0.7 percentage points.

HTS No. 7003.19.00 (1.3%)

2013 - 378,000

2014 - 392,000

2015 - 406,000

2016 - 420,000

2017 - 434,000

The estimated customs revenue loss is based on a temporary reduction of the general rate of duty from 1.3 percent ad valorem to 0.7 percent ad valorem, a reduction of 0.6 percentage points.

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	Schott North America (Interested entity) Jim Stein	703-418-1409 x 103	No	No	No
	2	Eurokera North America Debra Waggoner	202-682-3142	No	No	No
	3	Glass Association of North America Urmilla Sowell	772-223-1527	No	No	No
	4	Morgan Technical Ceramics No name noted	510-461-1100	No	No	No

112TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 5453

To extend the temporary suspension of duty on certain textured rolled glass sheets.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 7, 2012

Mr. MEEHAN 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 textured rolled glass sheets.

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 TEXTURED ROLLED GLASS SHEETS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Heading 9902.70.03 of the Har-
5 monized Tariff Schedule of the United States (relating to
6 certain textured rolled glass sheets) is amended by striking
7 the date in the effective period column and inserting “12/
8 31/2015”.

9 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
10 subsection (a) applies to goods entered, or withdrawn from

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

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