



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)):

Pigments based on titanium dioxide (CAS No. 13463-67-7) (provided for in subheading 3206.11.00)

(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 inorganic white pigments used in a wide variety of paper, plastics, coatings, foods, pharmaceuticals, and cosmetics and personal care products. It is imported mainly from China, Japan, Germany, Finland, and France. There are four domestic manufacturers of titanium dioxide that also make pigment preparations. Opposition to this bill is noted below in the Contacts table.

IV. Estimated effect on customs revenue

Table with 6 columns: Subject product HTS subheading(s), Item, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017. Rows include Col.1-general rate of duty or percentage point reduction (%), Estimated value of dutiable imports (\$), and Customs revenue loss (\$).

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

None

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	PPG Industries (Interested entity) Bill Ries	412-434-1717	No	No	No
2	ColorChem Steven Printz	770-993-5500, x18	No	No	No
3	Crowell & Moring, LLP Mike Gill	202-508-8843	No	No	No
4	Cristal Global Amy Drusano	410-229-8062	No	No	No
5	DuPont Elaine M. Olsen	302-992-2263	Yes	Yes	Yes
6	Huntsman Robert F. Hurley	202-289-9800	No	No	No
7	InVista Roger Ramseyer	316-828-1525	No	No	No
8	Lousiana Pigment Co. John Deming	302-379-1583	No	No	No
9	NL Industries Tim Hafner	972-233-1700	No	No	No
10	Solutia Kassie Wooton	314-674-3297	No	No	No
11	Special Materials Company David Olave	202-257-5590	No	No	No
12	Tronox Mark Van LANDINGHAM	405-775-5000	No	No	No
13	United Color Manufacturing Tom Nowakowski	215-860-2165	No	No	No

112TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 5457

To suspend temporarily the duty on pigments based on titanium dioxide.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 7, 2012

Mr. MURPHY of Pennsylvania introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on pigments based on titanium dioxide.

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. PIGMENTS BASED ON TITANIUM DIOXIDE.**

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

“	9902.01.00	Pigments based on titanium dioxide (CAS No. 13463-67-7) (provided for in sub-heading 3206.11.00)	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 with respect to goods entered, or
3 withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after
4 the 15th day after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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