

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

**MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION
of the 109th Congress¹**

[Date approved: December 20, 2005]²

Bill No. and sponsor: H.R. 3116 (Mr. Mark S. Kirk of Illinois)

Proponent name, location: Bradford Group, Niles, Illinois.

Other bills on product (109th Congress only): None.

Nature of bill: Temporary duty suspension through December 31, 2008.

Retroactive effect: None.

Suggested article description(s) for enactment (including appropriate HTS subheading(s)):

Glassware of a kind used for toilet, office, indoor decoration or similar purposes, not cut or engraved and not elsewhere enumerated, the foregoing valued over \$5 each, presented in the immediate packaging for shipment to the ultimate purchaser, and each weighing not over 4 kg together with retail packaging (provided for in subheading 7013.99.90).

Check one: Same as that in bill as introduced.
 Different from that in bill as introduced (see Technical comments section).

Product information, including uses/applications and source(s) of imports:

The bill would cover a wide variety of glass articles for toilet, office, indoor decoration or similar purposes, not cut or engraved, valued over \$5 each, and each weighing not over 4 kg together with retail packaging. As imported, they are individually packaged in protective mailers ready for application of mailing labels and postage and for shipment to the ultimate consumers. The principal sources of U.S. imports provided in subheading 7013.99.90 are China, Poland, and Italy.

¹ Industry analyst preparing report: Gail Burns (202-205-2501); Tariff Affairs contact: Jan Summers (202-205-2605).

² An electronic copy of this memorandum is available at http://usitc.gov/tata/hts/other/rel_doc/bill_reports/index.htm.

Estimated effect on customs revenue:

HTS subheading: 7013.99.90					
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Col. 1-General rate of duty	7.2%	7.2%	7.2%	7.2%	7.2%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$106,000,000	\$106,000,000	\$106,000,000	\$106,000,000	\$106,000,000
Customs revenue loss	\$7,632,000	\$7,632,000	\$7,632,000	\$7,632,000	\$7,632,000

Source of estimated dutiable import data: Official U.S. Government statistics. The precise types of goods imported by the proponent and their volume is not available. Dutiable imports from China under this subheading were approximately \$34.4 million in 2004; China is a regular supplier of imports for the proponent.

Contacts with domestic firms/organizations (including the proponent):

Name of firm/organization	Date contacted	US production of same or competitive product claimed?	Submission attached?	Opposition noted?
		(Yes/No)		
Bradford Group (Proponent) Joel Platt, 847-581-8730	11/11/2005	No	No	No
Corning Inc. 607-974-9000	11/14/2005	No	No	No

Technical comments:³

It is suggested that the article description be modified to read as shown on page 1 of this report, in order to clarify the intended scope of the duty suspension based on available information. If additional information can be obtained on the precise articles of interest to the proponent, it may be possible to suggest language that would describe the goods more narrowly.

³ The Commission may express an opinion on the HTS classification of a product to facilitate consideration of the bill. However, by law, only the U.S. Customs Service is authorized to issue a binding ruling on this matter. The Commission believes that the U.S. Customs Service should be consulted prior to enactment of the bill.

109TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3116

To suspend temporarily the duty on certain glass articles.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 29, 2005

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

A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on certain glass articles.

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 ARTICLES.**

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:

“	9902.09.54	Glass articles valued over \$5 each, whether or not put up in sets, put up for mail order retail sale, and each weighing not over 4 kg together with their retail packaging (provided for in sub-heading 7013.99.90)	Free	No change	No change	On or before 12/31/2008	”.
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1 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
2 subsection (a) applies to articles entered, or withdrawn
3 from warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day
4 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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