

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

**MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION
of the 111th Congress¹**

[Date approved: February 23, 2010]²

Bill No. and sponsor: S. 1993 (Ms. Amy Klobuchar of Minnesota).

Proponent name,³ location: Target Corporation, Minneapolis, MN.

Other bills on product (111th Congress only): None.

Nature of bill: Temporary duty suspension through December 31, 2011.

Retroactive effect: None.

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

Reusable fabric bags of cotton, entered with at least one article of bedding per bag (provided for in subheading 4202.92.15).

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 subject products are typically sold in retail stores as a bundled sheet set in a reusable cotton bag. According to the proponent, the bedding items are sold inside the cotton fabric bag, which is more convenient and environmentally friendly than traditional packaging. The customer can reuse the bag to store the bedding when not in use or for other purposes (e.g., as a laundry bag).

The subject product is predominantly imported from China. According to the National Textile Association, the few companies that may be producing this product domestically are also importers of the product and would therefore most likely benefit from a suspended duty rate.

¹ Industry analyst preparing report: Don Sussman (202-205-3331); Tariff Affairs contact: Jan Summers (202-205-2605).

² Access to an electronic copy of this memorandum is available at http://www.usitc.gov/tariff_affairs/congress_reports/.

³ The sponsor and proponent stated there are more than 10 beneficiaries (numerous retailers and suppliers) of this bill.

Estimated effect on customs revenue for the subject product classifiable in HTS subheading 4202.92.15:

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Col. 1-General rate of duty	6.3%	6.3%	6.3%	6.3%	6.3%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports ^a	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
Customs revenue loss ^b	\$31,500	\$31,500	\$31,500	\$31,500	\$31,500

a/ Dutiable import estimates were provided by industry sources.

b/ At the request of Congress, customs revenue loss is provided for 5 years, although the effective period of the proposed legislation may differ.

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

Name of firm/organization	Date contacted	Claim US makes same or competing product(s)?	Submission attached?	Opposition noted?
		(Yes/No)		
Target Corporation (Proponent) Marguerite Trossevin, 202-251-6170	11/24/2009	No	No	No
American Apparel & Footwear Association Nate Herman, 703-797-9062	11/30/2009	No	No	No
American Manufacturing Trade Action Coalition Sara Ormand, 202-452-0866	11/30/2009	No	No	No
Fashion Accessories Shipping Association Nate Herman, 703-797-9062	11/30/2009	No	No	No
National Textile Association David Trumbull, 617-542-8220	12/01/2009	No	No	No
National Council of Textile Organizations Sarah Pierce, 202-822-8026	11/24/2009	No	No	No
Travel Goods Association Nate Herman, 703-797-9062	11/30/2009	No	No	No

Technical comments:⁴

It is suggested that the article description of the new heading be worded as shown on page 1.

⁴ 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.

111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1993

To suspend temporarily the duty on certain reusable fabric cotton bags.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 28, 2009

Ms. KLOBUCHAR introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on certain reusable fabric cotton bags.

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 REUSABLE FABRIC [COTTON] BAGS.**

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	Reusable fabric cotton bags entered with at least one article of bedding per bag (provided for in subheading 4202.92.15)	Free	No change	No change	On or before 12/31/2011	”.
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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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