



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)):

Woven mesh fabrics of filaments of perfluoroalkoxy copolymer resin, such filaments of fibers each measuring 100 microns or more but not over 120 microns in diameter, the foregoing for use in manufacturing filters of heading 8421 or 8486 (provided for in subheading 5407.71.00)

(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 product is woven mesh fabric of perfluoroalkoxy copolymer resin used as support layers for filters for semiconductor manufacturing. The subject products are imported from Japan, which is said to be the only source of these products.

IV. Estimated effect on customs revenue

Subject product HTS subheading(s)	5407.71.00				
Item	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Col.1-general rate of duty or percentage point reduction (%)	14.9	14.9	14.9	14.9	14.9
Estimated value of <i>dutiable</i> imports (\$)	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000
Customs revenue loss (\$)	298,000	298,000	298,000	298,000	298,000

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 was modified for greater clarity. We note that existing HTS heading 9902.40.77 covers the product imported by the interested entity and recommend that this provision be extended, rather than having a new heading enacted. The article description of heading 9902.40.77 should be modified to read as shown above so that it more accurately reflects the subject product. The modified article description also reflects a request by the interested entity, after conversations with U.S. Customs and Border Protection officials, that the article description be expanded to include a reference to heading 8486 for filters that may be classifiable in that heading. We note that the proposed heading is drafted

as an "actual use" provision that would require post-entry verification by Customs within 3 years of the date of each entry, resulting in administrative burden to both Customs and the importing firms.

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	Entegris (Interested entity) Lynn Shida	978-436-6661	No	No	No
2	3M Greg Walters	202-414-3008	No	No	No
3	Air Products Richard F. Goodstein	202-639-0840	No	No	No
4	Albaugh Stuart Feldstein	515-964-9444	No	No	No
5	American Manufacturing Trade Action Coalition Sara Beatty	202-452-0866	No	No	No
6	Ashland Frank Fusiak	973-628-4123	No	No	No
7	Association of the Nonwoven Fabrics Industry Jessica Franken	703-521-0545	No	No	No
8	BASF Richard J. Salamone	973-895-8316	No	No	No
9	Bayer Steve Johnsen	412-777-5616	No	No	No
10	Celanese Samuel Ramirez	972-443-4689	No	No	No
11	Chemtura Elizabeth J. Thomasino	203-573-2644	No	No	No
12	Clariant Andrew Zamoyski	202-415-9159	No	No	No
13	ColorChem Steven Printz	770-993-5500, x18	No	No	No
14	Crowell & Moring, LLP Mike Gill	202-508-8843	No	No	No
15	DSM Sheetal Bhadekar	973-257-8323	No	No	No
16	Dixie Chemical Mal Johnson	281-291-2659	No	No	No
17	Dow Lisa Schroeter	202-429-3407	No	No	No
18	Drexel Chemical Stanley Bernard	901-774-4370	No	No	No

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19	DuPont Elaine M. Olsen	302-992-2263	No	No	No
20	DyStar L.P. Megan Malone	202-344-4621	No	No	No
21	Eastman Brent Perry	202-347-9547	No	No	No
22	Emerald Performance Materials Thomas Dirmyer	330-916-6706	No	No	No
23	Evonik Russell Mait	804-452-5711	No	No	No
24	FMC Jerry Prout	202-956-5209	No	No	No
25	Fanwood Chemical V. M. (Jim) DeLisi	908-322-8440	No	No	No
26	Honeywell Art Simonetti	202-662-2671	No	No	No
27	Huntsman Robert F. Hurley	202-289-9800	No	No	No
28	Industrial Fabrics Association International Ruth A. Stevens	651-225-6920	No	No	No
29	Kemira Rajesh Sharma	678-819-4577	No	No	No
30	LANXESS Jamie B. Schaeffer	412-809-3666	No	No	No
31	Lonza Joe Robinson	201-316-9364	No	No	No
32	Lubrizol Joe Eskra	440-347-5955	No	No	No
33	Milliken Kathi Dutilh	202-775-0084	No	No	No
34	Monsanto James K. Travis	202-383-2864	No	No	No
35	Nation Ford Chemical Jay Dickson	803-548-3210, x15	No	No	No
36	National Council of Textile Organizations Mike Hubbard	704-215-4540	No	No	No
37	Nufarm Americas Joel Junker	206-621-7878	No	No	No

38	PPG Industries Bill Ries	412-434-1717	No	No	No
39	Procter & Gamble Matt Mattingley	202-841-5601	No	No	No
40	Purolite Gary Thundercliffe	484-384-2708	No	No	No
41	Rhodia Jackie Guscott	609-860-3379	No	No	No
42	Royce Associates, ALP Terry Scheirer	201-438-5200	No	No	No
43	SOCMA Robert E. Branand	202-345-2717	No	No	No
44	Sensient Technologies Ken Goldacker	314-658-7363	No	No	No
45	Sigma-Aldrich Jared Fenton	314-286-8326	No	No	No
46	Solutia Kassie Wooton	314-674-3297	No	No	No
47	Solvay Andrew K. Jones	856-251-3412	No	No	No
48	Symrise Elizabeth Scharlat	908-429-6821	No	No	No
49	Syngenta Mike Blythe	336-632-2824	No	No	No
50	Tessenderlo Kerley Brian Thomassen	602-889-8397	No	No	No
51	United Color Manufacturing Tom Nowakowski	215-860-2165	No	No	No
52	Valent Robin Demouth	925-256-2758	No	No	No

112TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 5594

To suspend temporarily the duty on plastic mesh for filters.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 8, 2012

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

A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on plastic mesh for filters.

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. PLASTIC MESH FOR FILTERS.**

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	Woven mesh of perfluoroalkoxy copolymer resin with fibers measuring 100 to 120 microns in diameter, for use in manufacturing filters of heading 8421 (provided for in subheading 5407.71.00)	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 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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