



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)):

Polycrystalline fibers consisting of greater than 70% alumina and less than 30% silica, in bulk, roll or blanket form (provided for in subheading 6806.10.00), the foregoing designed for use in pollution control devices for motor vehicles.

(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 polycrystalline fibers made from high alumina content ceramic fibers and produced by a wet chemical (sol-gel) manufacturing process. These fibers are used to make mounting and insulation mats for vehicle pollution control devices, such as catalytic converters and diesel particulate filters. The fibers are imported from the United Kingdom and Japan. A competing product is also manufactured in the United States by Unifrax Corporation.

IV. Estimated effect on customs revenue

Table with 6 columns: Subject product HTS subheading(s), 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 (\$).

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

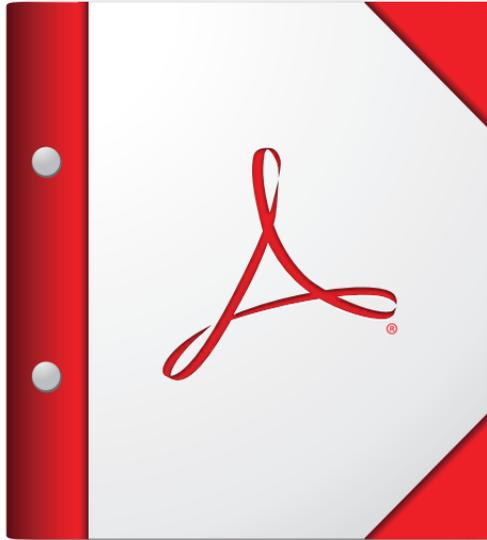
None

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	3M Company (Interested entity) Warren Weber	651-733-6566	No	No	No
	2	Unifrax Paul Boymel	716-278-3800	Yes	Yes	No



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112TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 5604

To suspend temporarily the rate of duty on certain polycrystalline fibers designed for use in pollution control devices for motor vehicles.

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 rate of duty on certain polycrystalline fibers designed for use in pollution control devices for motor vehicles.

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 POLYCRYSTALLINE FIBERS DE-**
4 **SIGNED FOR USE IN POLLUTION CONTROL**
5 **DEVICES FOR MOTOR VEHICLES.**

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

“	9902.01.00	Polycrystalline fibers consisting of greater than 70% alumina and less than 30% silica, in bulk, roll or blanket form (provided for in subheading 6806.10.00), the foregoing designed for use in pollution control devices for motor vehicles	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 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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