



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)):

Catalytic converter mounting and thermal insulation mats of at least 40% per weight R-glass fiber containing 60% silica, 19% alumina, 10% calcium oxide, and 10% magnesium oxide (within ± 5% per weight tolerance), said mat being 3 mm or more in thickness, in rolls, designed for diesel commercial vehicles (provided for in subheading 7019.31.00).

(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 nonwoven, needled R-glass fiber mats used as high performance mounting and insulation mats for vehicle pollution control devices, such as catalytic converters and diesel particulate filters. Superior Fibers produces competing E-glass and A-glass fiber mats in the United States and PPG Industries produces R-glass in the United States that can be made into mats. The subject R-glass fiber mat is imported from France and Mexico.

IV. Estimated effect on customs revenue

Subject product HTS subheading(s)	7019.31.00				
Item	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Col.1-general rate of duty or percentage point reduction (%)	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3
Estimated value of <i>dutiable</i> imports (\$)	4,500,000	5,000,000	5,000,000	3,000,000	2,000,000
Customs revenue loss (\$)	193,500	215,000	215,000	129,000	86,000

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 (%)

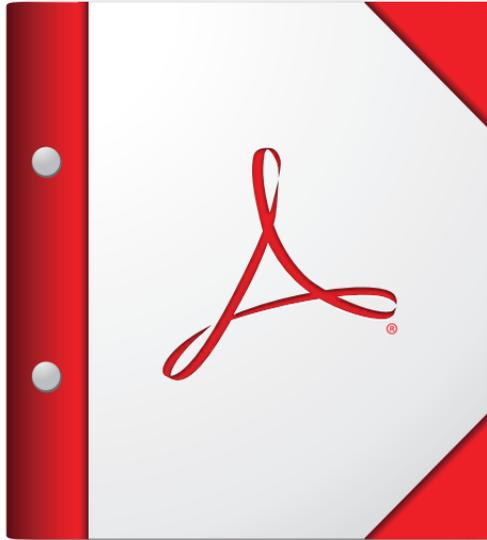
V. Technical comments

None

VI. Continuation

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	Johns Manville Sharon Robertson	303-978-2399	No	No	No
	3	Knauf Insulation Rhonda Kelley	800-825-4434	No	No	No
	4	PPG Industries Cheryl Richards	412-820-8553	Yes	No	No
	5	Superior Fibers LLC Dave Shumaker	740-569-4175, x299	Yes	Yes	No



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Lundquist, Kathryn

From: Lundquist, Kathryn
Sent: Monday, July 02, 2012 3:23 PM
To: Lundquist, Kathryn
Subject: U.S. Production of R-glass fiber mats, bill H.R. 5605

Hello Kathryn,

Thank you for your email.

Superior Fibers LLC produce nonwoven needled E-glass and A-glass fiber mats.

The R-glass chemical composition would be close to the E-glass properties, and subsequently , imported duty-free R-glass mats could have a competitive cost advantage over the E-glass mats produced in the United States.

Please let me know if you need any additional information, and also keep me advised of the tariff bill's progress and status.

Kind regards,

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112TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 5605

To suspend temporarily the rate of duty on certain catalytic converter mounting and thermal insulation mats.

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 catalytic converter mounting and thermal insulation mats.

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 CATALYTIC CONVERTER MOUNTING**

4 **AND THERMAL INSULATION MATS.**

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

“	9902.01.00	Catalytic converter mounting and thermal insulation mats of at least 40% per weight R-glass fiber containing 60% silica, 19% alumina, 10% calcium oxide, and 10% magnesium oxide (within $\pm 5\%$ per weight tolerance), said mat being 3 mm or more in thickness, in rolls, designed for diesel commercial vehicles (provided for in sub-heading 7019.31.00)	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 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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