



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)):

Instant print film for color (polychrome) analog photography, sensitized, unexposed, the foregoing of a kind used in mirrored reflex cameras for frontal exposure on a negative base (provided for in subheading 3701.20.00).

(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 unexposed, sensitized instant print film for use in mirrored reflex cameras for frontal exposure on a negative base. Such a camera is designed so that the reflex mirror directs light over the lens, and a separate pentaprism or penta-mirror directs the light to the eyepiece. The subject product is imported from the Netherlands. This type of film is not produced in the United States.

IV. Estimated effect on customs revenue

Subject product HTS subheading(s)	3701.20.00				
Item	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Col.1-general rate of duty (%) or percentage point reduction	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.7
Estimated value of <i>dutiable</i> imports (\$)	5,000,000	7,000,000	9,000,000	10,000,000	11,000,000
Customs revenue loss (\$)	185,000	259,000	333,000	370,000	407,000

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. In addition, the referenced HTS provision was changed to refer to a tariff rate line (8-digit HTS subheading), rather than a non-legal 10-digit statistical reporting number.

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	Impossible America Corp. (Interested entity) Matthew McGrath	202-483-0070	No	No	No
	2	PMA (The Worldwide Community of Imaging Associations) James Esp	517-788-8100	No	No	No
	3	Fujifilm North America Corp. Diane Rainey	914-789-8657	No	No	No

112TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 2427

To suspend temporarily the duty on instant print film for analog photography.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 26, 2012

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

A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on instant print film for analog photography.

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. INSTANT PRINT FILM FOR ANALOG PHOTOG-**
4 **RAPHY.**

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	Instant print film of a kind used for analog photography in mirrored reflex cameras for frontal exposure on a negative base (provided for in subheading 3701.20.0030)	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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