MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION of the 109th Congress

[Date approved: August 17, 2006]

Bill No. and sponsor: S. 2930 (Mr. Thomas Carper of Delaware).

Proponent name, location: E.I. du Pont de Nemours and Company, Wilmington DE.

Other bills on product (109th Congress only): None.


Retroactive effect: None.

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

Ink-jet textile printing machinery (provided for in subheading 8443.51.10).

Check one: X 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:

Ink-jet textile printing machinery is designed for a variety of applications, including the manufacture of printed textiles, accessories, apparel, home furnishings, gaming table covers, flags, and banners. Ink-jet textile printing machinery consist of three major components: a printer, dye ink, and software. The principal import source of ink-jet textile printing machinery is Japan.
Estimated effect on customs revenue:

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1/ The estimated Customs revenue loss for 2006 reflects the existing duty suspension under heading 9902.01.92 that expires on December 31, 2006.3

Source of estimated dutiable import data: Industry and Commission estimates.

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

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<th>Name of firm/organization</th>
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<td>E.I. du Pont de Nemours and Company (Proponent) Sharee Lawler, 202-728-3664</td>
<td>06/22/2006</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td>American Textile Manufacturers Institute Christian Schindler, 703-538-1789</td>
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<td>Digital Textile Image Co. Jan Kloss, 201-984-1910</td>
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Technical comments:4 None.

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3 This product’s duty suspension was enacted in section 2134 of the Miscellaneous Trade and Technical Corrections Act of 1999 (Pub. L. 106-36, 113 Stat. 127, 142), and the article description has continued unchanged.

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.
A BILL

To extend temporarily the suspension of duty on ink jet textile printing machinery.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. INK JET TEXTILE PRINTING MACHINERY.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Heading 9902.01.92 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (relating to ink jet textile printing machinery) is amended by striking “12/31/2006” and inserting “12/31/2009”.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by subsection (a) applies to goods entered, or withdrawn from
warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after
the date of enactment of this Act.