

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

**MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION
of the 110th Congress¹**

[Date approved: March 27, 2008]²

Bill No. and sponsor: H.R. 4480 (Mr. Joe Courtney of Connecticut).

Proponent name,³ location: Warren Corporation, Stafford Springs, CT.

Other bills on product (110th Congress only): None.

Nature of bill: Extension of temporary duty suspension through December 31, 2011.

Retroactive effect: None.

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

Camel hair, carded or combed (provided for in subheading 5105.39.00).

Check one: 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:

This bill covers camel hair that has been carded or combed. Carding and combing are intermediate steps in the yarn production process. Carding disentangles the fibers to prepare them for spinning and is done by passing the fibers between rollers covered with fine teeth. Combing removes the shorter fibers and further aligns the longer ones. Carded camel hair is used to make carded or woolen yarn, and camel hair that is both carded and combed is used to make combed or worsted yarns. Generally, camel hair is used to produce yarn that is woven into fabrics for men's and women's jackets and coats.

Carded or combed camel hair falls under HTS subheading 5105.39.00, which covers carded or combed fine animal hair other than cashmere, including mohair and hair of the alpaca and llama. U.S. imports under HTS subheading 5105.39.00 totaled \$880,000 in 2007 and South Africa was the primary supplier (accounting for 76 percent of imports).

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² Access to an electronic copy of this memorandum is available at http://www.usitc.gov/tata/hts/other/rel_doc/bill_reports/.

³ The sponsor/proponent did not identify any additional beneficiaries of this bill.

Estimated effect on customs revenue:

HTS subheading: 5105.39.00					
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Col. 1-General rate of duty (AVE) <u>1/</u>	6.8¢/kilo + 5.5% (6.1%)				
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
Customs revenue loss <u>2/</u>	\$0	\$9,150	\$9,150	\$9,150	\$9,150

1/ The AVE is the ad valorem equivalent of a specific or compound duty rate expressed as a percent, using the most recent import data available.

2/ There is an existing duty suspension under HTS heading 9902.12.22 that expires on December 31, 2009. Therefore, there will be no customs revenue loss related to this bill in 2009.

Source of estimated dutiable import data: Commission estimates.

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

Name of firm/organization	Date contacted	Claim US makes same or competing product(s)?	Submission attached?	Opposition noted?
			(Yes/No)	
Warren Corporation (Proponent) Lisa Cornish, 860-684-2766 (ext. 113)	2/22/2008	No	Yes	No
American Manufacturing Trade Action Coalition Sara Ormand, 202-452-0866	2/28/2008	No	Yes	No
Hanora Spinning Gerald Beyer, Fax: 401-765-6991	2/26/2008	No	No	No
Jagger Brothers David Jagger, 207-324-5622	2/26/2008	No	No	No
Kent Manufacturing Mark Kent, 864-878-6367 (ext. 2525)	2/26/2008	No	No	No
National Council of Textile Organizations David Trumbull, 202-822-8026	2/26/2008	No	No	No
National Textile Association David Trumbull, 617-542-8220	2/26/2008	No	Yes	No
Tailored Clothing Association David Starr, dastarr@wms-jen.com	2/26/2008	No	No	No
Victor Woollen Products, Ltd. Terry Winkler	2/26/2008	No	No	No

Technical comments:⁴

None.

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.

110TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 4480

To extend the temporary suspension of duty on camel hair, carded or combed.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 12, 2007

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

A BILL

To extend the temporary suspension of duty on camel hair,
carded or combed.

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. CAMEL HAIR, CARDED OR COMBED.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Heading 9902.12.22 of the Har-
5 monized Tariff Schedule of the United States is amended
6 by striking “12/31/2009” and inserting “12/31/2011”.

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