

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20436

**MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION  
of the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress<sup>1</sup>**

[Date approved: March 25, 2010]<sup>2</sup>

**Bill No. and sponsor:** S. 2001 (Mr. Saxby Chambliss of Georgia).

**Proponent name,<sup>3</sup> location:** Beaver Manufacturing Co., Inc., Mansfield, GA.

**Other bills on product (111<sup>th</sup> 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)):**

High tenacity single yarn of viscose rayon (provided for in subheading 5403.10.30) with a decitex equal to or greater than 1,000.

**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:**

The bill would extend the duty suspension that expired at the close of 2009, under HTS heading 9902.05.07, on high tenacity viscose rayon filament single yarns. Viscose rayon is an artificial fiber produced from cellulosic materials such as wood pulp, which is processed into viscose liquid and extruded through perforated metal disks (spinnerets) into an acid bath to produce long fiber strands. Tenacity refers to the “tensile strength” of the yarn, or the amount of force needed to break a yarn per unit of length, as measured by centinewtons per tex. According to note 6 to section XI of the HTS, rayon yarn that exceeds 27 centinewtons per tex is considered to be high tenacity yarn. Such yarn is used for industrial purposes because of its strength and ability to withstand high temperatures. Primary end uses include hoses, belts, strapping, tires, and tire cord fabric. Germany is overwhelmingly the largest supplier of U.S. imports of high tenacity single viscose rayon filament yarns.

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<sup>2</sup> Access to an electronic copy of this memorandum is available at [http://www.usitc.gov/tariff\\_affairs/congress\\_reports/](http://www.usitc.gov/tariff_affairs/congress_reports/).

<sup>3</sup> The sponsor and proponent did not identify any additional beneficiaries of this bill.

**Estimated effect on customs revenue for the subject product classifiable in HTS subheading 5403.10.30:**

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Col. 1-General rate of duty	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports <sup>a</sup>	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
Customs revenue loss <sup>b</sup>	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000

a/ Dutiable import estimates were based on official U.S. Government statistics.

b/ At the request of Congress, customs revenue loss is provided for 5 years, although the effective period of the proposed legislation may differ.

**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)		
Beaver Manufacturing (Proponent) Edward Needham, 770-786-1622	1/6/2010	No	No	No
National Council of Textile Organizations Michael Hubbard, 704-824-3522	12/4/2009	No	No	No
National Textile Association David Trumbull, 617-542-8220	1/6/2010	No	No	No
Rayon Yarn Corporation Janet Bagby, Fax: 864-342-1593	1/6/2010	No	No	No
Rayonier Performance Fibers Jack Kriesel, Fax: 904-357-9101	1/6/2010	No	No	No
Titan Textile Stephen Werner, Fax: 973-684-3821	1/6/2010	No	No	No

**Technical comments:<sup>4</sup>**

None.

<sup>4</sup> 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.

111TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 2001

To extend temporarily the suspension of duty on certain high tenacity rayon filament yarn.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 28, 2009

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

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## A BILL

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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 HIGH TENACITY RAYON FILAMENT**

4 **YARN.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Heading 9902.05.07 of the Har-  
6 monized Tariff Schedule of the United States (relating to  
7 high tenacity single yarn of viscose rayon with a decitex  
8 equal to or greater than 1,000) is amended by striking  
9 “12/31/2009” and inserting “12/31/2011”.

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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