



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)):

Knitted or crocheted fabrics, of cotton, dyed, of single knit construction (provided in subheading 6006.22.90)

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 knitted fabrics, also known as jersey, are of light to medium weight. These fabrics are used to produce t-shirts, tops, dresses, pull-on pants, shorts, skirts, and nightwear. Under HTS subheading 6006.22.90, the subject knitted fabrics of single knit construction are differentiated at the 10-digit level from knit fabrics that are not of single knit construction. China is the largest supplier country to The U.S. market with single knit fabrics imported under HTS statistical reporting number 6006.22.9020.

IV. Estimated effect on customs revenue

Subject product HTS subheading(s)	6006.22.90				
Item	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Col.1-general rate of duty (%)	10	10	10	10	10
Estimated value of <i>dutiable</i> imports (\$)	2,557,000	2,557,000	2,557,000	2,557,000	2,557,000
Customs revenue loss (\$)	255,700	255,700	255,700	255,700	255,700

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

It is suggested that the article description be amended to match the language in section II, above, and to more clearly identify the subject product. The proposed article description in the bill uses the term "other" in two places. Taken out of the structural context of the HTS, "other" has no discernible meaning.

VI. Continuation

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.

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	DyStar (interested entity) Megan Malone	202-344-4621	No	No	No
2	American Manufacturing Trade Action Coalition Sara Beatty	202-452-0866	No	No	No
3	Carolina Cotton Works, Inc. Bryan Ashby	864-488-2824	No	No	No
4	Clover Knits, Inc. Kevin McCarter	803-222-3021	No	No	No
5	Milliken & Company Kathi Dutilh	202-775-0085	Yes	Yes	Yes
6	National Council of Textile Organizations Mike Hubbard/Sarah Pierce	704-215-4540 and 202-822-8026	No	No	No
7	National Textile Association David Trumbull	617-542-8220	No	No	No

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From: Kathi Dutilh <kdutilh@millikendc.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 18, 2012 2:31 PM
To: Gaffney, Shannon
Subject: Comments on HR 3926 - Milliken & Company objects

Hi Shannon,

This note is in response to a request for comments on H.R. 3926 - a temporary duty suspension on certain cotton knit fabrics classified in HTS subheading 6006.22.9020 Other knitted or crocheted fabrics, of cotton, dyed, other, of single knit construction.

Milliken & Company, headquartered in Spartanburg, SC, objects to the inclusion of HR 3926 proposed by Cong. Watt, for inclusion into the Miscellaneous Tariff Bill.

For many years, Milliken & Company was in the man-made fiber knit business. However, over the past two years we have developed a 88/12 cotton-nylon knit product which we are marketing to the protective markets. We are currently exploring new products with this same construct. ,

An elimination of duty on cotton knit imports falling under 6006.22.9020 would impact our current and future business plans.

Thanks for the opportunity to comment.

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112TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 3926

To suspend temporarily the duty on other knitted or crocheted fabrics, of cotton, dyed, other, of single knit construction.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 7, 2012

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

A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on other knitted or crocheted fabrics, of cotton, dyed, other, of single knit construction.

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. OTHER KNITTED OR CROCHETED FABRICS, OF**
4 **COTTON, DYED, OTHER, OF SINGLE KNIT**
5 **CONSTRUCTION.**

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

9902.01.00	Other knitted or crocheted fabrics, of cotton, dyed, other, of single knit construction. (provided for in sub-heading 6006.22.90)	Free	No change	No change	On or before 12/31/2014
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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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