



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)):

Nonwoven fiberglass sheets, 0.40 mm or more but not over 1.65 mm in thickness, of glass fibers bound together in a polyvinyl alcohol matrix, of a type used as a sound absorbing layer in acoustic ceiling tiles or panels or in vehicles (provided for in subheading 7019.32.00)

(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 primarily used in acoustic ceiling tiles for commercial suspension ceiling systems. It can also be used in other applications, such as in soft adhesive roofing systems for vehicles. The referenced subheading is an international tariff category covering thin sheets of glass fibers, which according to the Explanatory Notes to the Harmonized System do not exceed 5 millimeters in thickness. Imports are primarily from Germany and the Netherlands.

IV. Estimated effect on customs revenue

Subject product HTS subheading(s)	7019.32.00				
Item	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Col.1-general rate of duty or percentage point reduction (%)	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3
Estimated value of <i>dutiable</i> imports (\$)	10,500,000	10,500,000	10,500,000	10,500,000	10,500,000
Customs revenue loss (\$)	451,500	451,500	451,500	451,500	451,500

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 an attempt to describe more closely the product imported by the interested entity. The word "smooth" was deleted because it was not defined and would require interpretation. Language concerning the intended uses was changed for consistency with other tariff provisions.

VI. Continuation

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	Armstrong World Industries, Inc. (Interested Entity) Stacey Kapushy	717-396-2664	No	No	No
2	AGY David L. Fecko	814-506-1517	No	No	No
3	American Fiber Manufacturers Association Paul T. O'Day	703-875-0432	No	No	No
4	American Manufacturing Trade Action Coalition Sara Beatty	202-452-0866	No	No	No
5	Association of the Nonwoven Fabrics Industry Jessica Franken	703-521-0545	No	No	No
6	Certain Teed Corporation/Saint-Gobain Corporation Karen Cawkwell	610-341-7000	No	No	No
7	Industrial Fabrics Association International Ruth Stephens	651-222-2508	No	No	No
8	National Council of Textile Organizations Michael Hubbard	704-215-4540	No	No	No
9	National Textile Association David Trumbell	617-542-8220	No	No	No
10	Owens Corning Lorin Lichten	404-769-6221	No	No	No

112TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 5510

To extend the temporary suspension of duty on certain smooth nonwoven fiberglass sheets of a type primarily used as acoustical facing for ceiling panels.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 7, 2012

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

A BILL

To extend the temporary suspension of duty on certain smooth nonwoven fiberglass sheets of a type primarily used as acoustical facing for ceiling panels.

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 SMOOTH NONWOVEN FIBERGLASS**
4 **SHEETS OF A TYPE PRIMARILY USED AS**
5 **ACOUSTICAL FACING FOR CEILING PANELS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Heading 9902.70.19 of the Har-
7 monized Tariff Schedule of the United States (relating to
8 certain smooth nonwoven fiberglass sheets of a type pri-
9 marily used as acoustical facing for ceiling panels) is

1 amended by striking the date in the effective period col-
2 umn and inserting “12/31/2015”.

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

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