



## 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/](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)):

Catalytic converter mounting mats of ceramic fibers, 4.7625 mm or more in thickness, such fibers containing over 65 percent by weight of aluminum oxide, in bulk, sheets or rolls (provided for in subheading 6806.10.00), the foregoing designed for use in motor vehicles of heading 8703

(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 products are ceramic mounting mats made from high-alumina-content ceramic fibers produced by a wet chemical (sol-gel) manufacturing process. These mats are used as mounting and insulation for vehicle pollution control devices, such as catalytic converters and diesel particulate filters. The product is imported from Japan and the United Kingdom. A competing product is also manufactured in the United States by Unifrax Corporation.

## IV. Estimated effect on customs revenue

Subject product HTS subheading(s)	6806.10.00				
Item	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Col.1-general rate of duty or percentage point reduction (%)	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.9
Estimated value of <i>dutiable</i> imports (\$)	6,500,000	7,000,000	7,500,000	7,600,000	7,700,000
Customs revenue loss (\$)	253,500	273,000	292,500	296,400	300,300

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 existing heading's article description has a redundant final parenthetical expression providing the permanent tariff reference. It is suggested that this expression be deleted, as shown above.

## 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	3M Company (Interested entity) Greg Walters	202-404-3800	No	No	No
	2	Unifrax Corporation Paul Boymel	716-278-3800	Yes	Yes	No



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112TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 5692

To extend the suspension of duty on Interam mats.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 9, 2012

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

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## A BILL

To extend the suspension of duty on Interam mats.

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. INTERAM MATS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Heading 9902.25.72 of the Har-  
5 monized Tariff Schedule of the United States (relating to  
6 Interam mats) is amended by striking the date in the ef-  
7 fective period column and inserting “12/31/2015”.

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