



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)):

Frames and mountings for spectacles, goggles or the like, the foregoing of plastics (provided for in subheading 9003.11.00)

(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

These products are used primarily to hold prescriptive and protective lenses in eyeglasses and goggles. Plastic frames are durable, can accommodate most lens prescriptions, and are available in a variety of plastics (including acrylic, epoxy, cellulose acetate, cellulose propionate, polyamide, and nylon), colors, and shapes. China, Italy, Japan, and France are the primary sources of U.S. imports of plastic frames and mountings.

IV. Estimated effect on customs revenue

Table with 6 columns: Subject product HTS subheading(s), 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017. Rows include Col.1-general rate of duty, Estimated value of dutiable imports, and Customs revenue loss.

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 (%) 2.5 Temporary rate (%) 2.4 Percentage point reduction (%) 0.1

V. Technical comments

We suggest deleting the comma after "goggles" to be consistent with normal HTS usage, which omits the comma after the penultimate item in a series.

VI. Continuation

The estimated customs revenue loss is based on a temporary reduction of the general rate of duty from 2.5 percent ad valorem to 2.4 percent, a reduction of 0.1 percentage point.

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	Luxottica Group S.p.A. (Interested entity) Jeanine McHugh	513-765-6000	No	No	No
	2	Safilo USA Stefani Danielson	973-952-2800	No	No	No
	3	Smith Sport Optics Mick Metzel	208-726-4477	No	No	No

112TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 4444

To reduce temporarily the rate of duty on frames and mountings for spectacles, goggles, or the like, the foregoing of plastics.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 19, 2012

Mr. CHABOT (for himself and Mrs. SCHMIDT) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

To reduce temporarily the rate of duty on frames and mountings for spectacles, goggles, or the like, the foregoing of plastics.

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. FRAMES AND MOUNTINGS FOR SPECTACLES,**
4 **GOGGLES, OR THE LIKE, THE FOREGOING OF**
5 **PLASTICS.**

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	Frames and mountings for spectacles, goggles, or the like, the foregoing of plastics (provided for in sub-heading 9003.11.00)	2.4%	No change	No change	On or before 12/31/2015”.
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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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