

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20436

**MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION  
of the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress <sup>1</sup>**

[Date approved: October 11, 2006]<sup>2</sup>

**Bill No. and sponsor:** S. 3217 (Mr. Robert Menendez of New Jersey).

**Proponent name, location:** ICF Industries, New Jersey.

**Other bills on product (109<sup>th</sup> Congress only):** None.

**Nature of bill:** Temporary duty suspension through December 31, 2009.

**Retroactive effect:** None.

**Suggested article description(s) for enactment (including appropriate HTS subheading(s)):**

Single yarn of viscose rayon, untwisted or with a twist not exceeding 120 turns/m (provided for in subheading 5403.31.00)

**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 subject product, single yarn of viscose rayon, is a synthetic extruded fiber that is used to make a variety of products, including linings, decorative threads for monogramming and stitching, and fabrics for use in apparel and home furnishings. The subject product is imported from several countries, including Germany.

**Estimated effect on customs revenue:**

<b>HTS subheading: 5403.31.00</b>					
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Col. 1-General rate of duty	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$7,685,230	\$6,148,184	\$4,918,547	\$3,934,838	\$3,147,870
Customs revenue loss	\$768,523	\$614,818	\$491,855	\$393,484	\$314,787

Source of estimated dutiable import data: Official U.S. Government statistics and industry estimates.

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<sup>2</sup> Access to an electronic copy of this memorandum is available at [http://usitc.gov/tata/hts/other/rel\\_doc/bill\\_reports/index.htm](http://usitc.gov/tata/hts/other/rel_doc/bill_reports/index.htm).

**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?
ICF Industries (Proponent) David Trachtenberg, 202-224-4744	08/10/2006 08/16/2006 08/18/2006 08/23/2006	No	No	No
Brodnax Mills David Kerr, 973-376-8123	08/23/2006 08/28/2006	No	No	No
Keystone Weaving Mills, Inc. Eli Caplan, 919-272-4665	08/22/2006	No	No	No
Lawrence Schiff Silk Mills, Inc. Richard J. Schiff, 215-538-2880	08/18/2006	No	No	No
J. B. Martin Company Loic De Kertanguy, 212-421-2020	08/21/2006	No	No	No
Mohawk Fabric Company, Inc. Dominic S. Wade, 518-842-3090	08/18/2006	No	No	No
National Council of Textile Organizations Missy Branson, 202-822-8026	08/23/2006 08/28/2006 08/29/2006	No	No	No
National Textiles Association David Trumball, 617-542-8220	07/28/2006	No	No	No
Robison-Anton Textile Company David E. Ronner, 201-941-0500	08/16/2006	No	No	No
St. John Knits Konrad Ried, 949-223-3389	08/18/2006	No	No	No

**Technical comments:**<sup>3</sup> None.

<sup>3</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.

109TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# S. 3217

To suspend temporarily the duty on certain viscose rayon yarn.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 25, 2006

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

## A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on certain viscose rayon yarn.

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. VISCOSE RAYON YARN.**

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

“	9902.54.03	Single yarn of viscose rayon, untwisted or with a twist not exceeding 120 turns/m (provided for in subheading 5403.31.00) .....	Free	No change	No change	On or before 12/31/2009	”.
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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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