



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)):

Fabric strips of cotton, dyed, with pinked edges, each measuring approximately 5.1 cm in width and 20.3 cm in length, whether individually presented, attached to cards or gathered in "books" and suitable for use as color samples (provided for in subheading 6307.90.98)

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 dyed cotton fabric cut into strips measuring 2" wide by 8" long, with pinked edges, used to manufacture color samples. The subject product is imported primarily from China.

IV. Estimated effect on customs revenue

Subject product HTS subheading(s)	6307.90.98				
Item	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Col.1-general rate of duty (%)	7	7	7	7	7
Estimated value of dutiable imports (\$)	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Customs revenue loss (\$)	70,000	70,000	70,000	70,000	70,000

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 as shown in section II, above. Metric units of measure must be used, and the language we suggest is consistent with normal HTS usage. The description in the bill as drafted is confusing and suggests that products other than the one desired by the proponent are intended to be covered.

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 L.P. (Interested entity) Megan Malone	202-344-4621	No	No	No
	2	Alice Mills, Inc. Bradley Wurst	203-656-3399	No	No	No
	3	American Manufacturing Trade Action Coalition Sara Beatty	202-452-0866	No	No	No
	4	Bredemeier John Blumenshine	800-998-1895	Yes	Yes	Yes
	5	Dickard Widder Industries Charles Hollander	718-326-3700	No	No	No
	6	Millennium Sample Card Inc. Michael Ricco	718-965-2391	Yes	Yes	Yes
	7	National Council of Textile Organizations Mike Hubbard	704-215-4540	No	No	No
	8	National Textiles Association David Trumbull	617-542-8220	No	No	No
	9	Superior Sample Company Peggy Daniels	260-894-3136	No	No	No

Sussman, Donald

From: John Blumenshine <john@bredemeier.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 01, 2012 3:43 PM
To: Sussman, Donald
Subject: RE: HR 3923 - Dyed cotton fabric with pinked edges, 2"w x 8" l.

Categories: Orange Category


Donald, thanks for contact Bredemeier regarding pending Bill HR 3923. Bredemeier is part of a small industry of soft good sample companies. We work with all types of soft goods like Garment materials, Upholstery fabrics, Drapery fabrics, Leathers, Vinyls, and all types of soft material. There are probably 9 companies in the US at a similar size, that work with similar materials all doing similar sampling for selected accounts. There are many more much smaller companies that can also produce the outlined product. It is a very small industry that has been severally affected by the last 3 years. We have lost many companies to the down turn in the economy.

Specific to the proposed removal or suspension of a tariff on pink cut material 2" x 8" this is a product which we work with everyday. All of our US competitors have the ability as well to take material and pink cut that material to 2" x 8". This is a primary production process that all of us perform. Without knowing more details, the description as outlined in bill HR 3923 would be direct competition for an outside US company to produce a like product that can be produced in the US by US based companies.

I hope you will convey our strong concerns regarding any passage of the removal of tariffs on this type of product.

Thanks again for contact us.

John Blumenshine

	NOW we are your complete sampling resource
John Blumenshine <i>Executive Vice President</i> john@bredemeier.com	E.W. Bredemeier & Co. <u>6625 W. Diversy Ave (rear)</u> <u>Chicago, IL 60707</u> tel: 800-998-1895 fax: 630-566-3823 mobile: 630-234-6120

From: Donald.Sussman@usitc.gov [<mailto:Donald.Sussman@usitc.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, May 01, 2012 1:19 PM
To: john@bredemeier.com
Subject: HR 3923 - Dyed cotton fabric with pinked edges, 2"w x 8" l.
Importance: High

Hi Mr. Blumenshine:

Per our conversation, attached is the proposed miscellaneous tariff bill that would remove a 7 percent tariff on dyed cotton fabric with pinked edges, 2"w x 8" l.

If this is something that your company produces domestically, or you know of companies producing it domestically, and you would like to oppose this bill, please reply back to me stating so by Friday, May 4, 2012.

Thanks for your assistance.

Don
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Sussman, Donald

From: Millennium Sample Card <millenniumsamplercard@nyc.rr.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 03, 2012 5:53 PM
To: Sussman, Donald
Subject: Re: HR 3923 - Dyed cotton fabric with pinked edges, 2"w x 8" l.

Categories: Orange Category

HI DON ,

I DEFINITELY OPPOSE THIS BILL.

IF YOU NEED ANYMORE INFO, PLEASE LET ME KNOW.

PLEASE KEEP ME INFORM OF ANY CHANGES.

THANK YOU

MICHAEL RICCO

On May 2, 2012, at 8:29 AM, <Donald.Sussman@usitc.gov> wrote:

Hi Michael:

While this will be included in the report, please clarify if you oppose the proposed bill.

Thanks

Don

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From: Millennium Sample Card [<mailto:millenniumsamplercard@nyc.rr.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, May 01, 2012 5:07 PM
To: Sussman, Donald
Subject: Re: HR 3923 - Dyed cotton fabric with pinked edges, 2"w x 8" l.
Importance: High

HI DON , IT WAS A PLEASURE SPEAKING WITH YOU .

MILLENNIUM SAMPLE CARD INC.
262 - 43 RD. STREET
BROOKLYN , NEW YORK 11232
TEL. 718 369 - 2062
E-MAIL INFO @ SWATCHMAN.COM

WE ARE A FULL IN HOUSE MANUFACTURE OF SWATCH
CARDS , BOOKS , HEADERS , ETC.
WE CUT FABRIC WITH PINKED EDGES ALONG WITH VARIOUS
DIFFERENT TYPES OF CUTTING.
THE MACHINERY IS SPECIAL ORDER , CUSTOM TO OUR
TRADE AS ANY TRADE.

SINCERELY ,
MICHAEL RICCO

On May 1, 2012, at 1:39 PM, <Donald.Sussman@usitc.gov> wrote:

Hi Michael:

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Michael Ricco

112TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 3923

To suspend temporarily the duty on certain other made up articles.

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 certain other made up articles.

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 OTHER MADE UP ARTICLES.**

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:

“	9902.01.00	Other made up articles, including dress patterns, other, other, (dyed cotton fabric with pinked edges, 2" w x 8" l) (provided for in subheading 6307.90.98)	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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