



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)):

Eyelash curlers, nonthermic and nonornamental (provided for in subheading 9615.90.20)

(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

Eyelash curlers are tools that curl eyelashes for the purpose of cosmetic enhancement. They are made with various types of finger mechanisms to operate the tool. The metal tip that touches the eyelashes may be coated with rubber. U.S. imports of all types of nonthermic, nonornamental devices for curling the hair under HTS subheading 9615.90.20 in 2011 amounted to \$21.5 million, with China accounting for 81 percent of the total and Japan accounting for, 10 percent.

IV. Estimated effect on customs revenue

Table with 6 columns: Subject product HTS subheading(s), 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017. Rows include Item, Col.1-general rate of duty or percentage point reduction (%), 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 (%) [] Temporary rate (%) [] Percentage point reduction (%) []

V. Technical comments

None

VI. Continuation

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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 |
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| | 1 | Revlon (Interested entity) Elise Kenderian Aronson | 202-449-6985 | No | No | No |

112TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 4656

To suspend temporarily the duty on certain eyelash curlers.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 25, 2012

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

A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on certain eyelash curlers.

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 EYELASH CURLERS.**

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 | Eyelash curlers, non-thermic and nonornamental (provided for in subheading 9615.90.20) | Free | No change | No change | On or before 12/31/2015 | ”. |
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8 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
9 subsection (a) applies to goods entered, or withdrawn from

- 1 warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after
- 2 the date of the enactment of this Act.

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