



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)):

Cassia gum (D-Galacto-D-mannan) (CAS No. 11078-30-1) (provided for in subheading 1302.39.00)

(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

The subject product is a type of cassia gum which also has the trade name of Diagum CS Hydrocolloid. Cassia gum is derived from the seeds of cassia tora/cassia obtusifolia, which is native to India. It is a fine powder, tan or yellowish in color, and has a neutral odor and taste. It is used as a thickening/stabilization agent for pet foods, and is imported from India under HTS subheading 1302.39.00, which is a basket category for mucilages and thickeners, whether or not modified, derived from vegetable products. In 2011, U.S. imports under HTS subheading 1302.39.00 totaled \$98.1 million.

IV. Estimated effect on customs revenue

Subject product HTS subheading(s)	1302.39.00				
Item	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Col.1-general rate of duty or percentage point reduction (%)	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2
Estimated value of <i>dutiable</i> imports (\$)	234,000	236,000	238,000	240,000	242,000
Customs revenue loss (\$)	7,488	7,552	7,616	7,680	7,744

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

Staff recommends that the common name for cassia gum be used with the chemical name in parentheses.

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	Lubrizol (Interested entity) Joe Eskra	440-347-5955	No	No	No
2	Archer Daniels Midland Company (ADM) Beth Holzman	202-572-0580	No	No	No
3	Cargill Devry Boughner	202-530-8168	No	No	No

112TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 4945

To suspend temporarily the duty on D-Galacto-D-mannan.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 26, 2012

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

A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on D-Galacto-D-mannan.

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. D-GALACTO-D-MANNAN.**

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	D-Galacto-D-mannan (CAS No. 11078–30–1) (provided for in subheading 1302.39.00)	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 enactment of this Act.

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