

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

**MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION
of the 110th Congress¹**

[Date approved: March 27, 2008]²

Bill No. and sponsor: H.R. 4476 (Mr. Joe Courtney of Connecticut).

Proponent name,³ location: Warren Corporation, Stafford Springs, CT.

Other bills on product (110th Congress only): None.

Nature of bill: Extension of temporary duty suspension through December 31, 2011.

Retroactive effect: None.

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

Yarn of combed cashmere or yarn of camel hair (provided for in subheading 5108.20.80).

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 bill covers yarns made wholly of combed cashmere and/or camel hair and yarns made in blends of combed cashmere or camel hair in which the cashmere or camel hair predominates by weight over any other single textile fiber. These yarns are used to make worsted fabrics for men's and women's jackets and coats. Worsted yarns are smooth-surfaced yarns spun from evenly combed long-staple fibers or, in this case, fine animal hair. The yarns and resulting woven fabrics have a smooth, firm surface, with little or no nap. The subject yarns are produced from fibers that have undergone carding and combing before being spun into worsted or combed yarns. Carding disentangles the fibers to prepare them for spinning and is done by passing the fibers between rollers covered with fine teeth. Combing removes the shorter fibers and further aligns the longer ones to produce tops, which are then spun into combed yarns.

The subject yarns are provided for in HTS subheading 5108.20.80, which covers yarns of combed fine animal hair, other than Angora rabbit hair and mohair. In 2007, U.S. imports under HTS subheading 5108.20.80 totaled \$3.8 million (68,500 kilograms). Italy was the primary supplier of such yarns, followed by Peru and France.

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² Access to an electronic copy of this memorandum is available at http://www.usitc.gov/tata/hts/other/rel_doc/bill_reports/.

³ The sponsor/proponent did not identify any additional beneficiaries of this bill.

Estimated effect on customs revenue:

HTS subheading: 5108.20.80					
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Col. 1-General rate of duty (AVE)	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000
Customs revenue loss 1/	\$0	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$120,000

1/ There is an existing duty suspension under HTS heading 9902.03.01 that expires on December 31, 2009. Therefore, there will be no customs revenue loss related to this bill in 2009.

Source of estimated dutiable import data: Commission estimates.

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?
Warren Corporation (Proponent) Lisa Cornish, 860-684-2766 (ext. 113)	2/22/2008	No	Yes	No
American Manufacturing Trade Action Coalition Sara Ormand, 202-452-0866	2/28/2008	No	Yes	No
Hanora Spinning Gerald Beyer, Fax: 401-765-6991	2/26/2008	No	No	No
Jagger Brothers David Jagger, 207-324-5622	2/26/2008	No	No	No
Kent Manufacturing Mark Kent, 864-878-6367 (ext. 2525)	2/26/2008	No	No	No
National Council of Textile Organizations David Trumbull, 202-822-8026	2/26/2008	No	No	No
National Textile Association David Trumbull, 617-542-8220	2/26/2008	No	Yes	No
Tailored Clothing Association David Starr, dastarr@wms-jen.com	2/26/2008	No	No	No
Victor Woollen Products, Ltd. Terry Winkler	2/26/2008	No	No	No

Technical comments:⁴

None.

⁴ 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.

110TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 4476

To extend the temporary suspension of duty on yarn of combed cashmere or yarn of camel hair.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 12, 2007

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

A BILL

To extend the temporary suspension of duty on yarn of combed cashmere or yarn of camel hair.

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. YARN OF COMBED CASHMERE OR YARN OF**
4 **CAMEL HAIR.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Heading 9902.03.01 of the Har-
6 monized Tariff Schedule of the United States is amended
7 by striking “12/31/2009” and inserting “12/31/2011”.

8 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
9 subsection (a) applies with respect to goods entered, or

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

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