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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 21, 2012

Mr. CAMP (for himself, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. BRADY of Texas, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. PAULSEN, Mr. BUCHANAN, Mr. MARCHANT, Ms. JENKINS, Mr. REICHERT, Mr. REED, Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. PASCRELL, Ms. BASS of California, Mr. MEEKS, Mr. BOUSTANY, Mr. STARK, and Mr. KIND) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

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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. AMENDMENTS TO AFRICAN GROWTH AND OP-**
 4 **PORTUNITY ACT.**

5 (a) EXTENSION OF THIRD-COUNTRY FABRIC PRO-
 6 GRAM.—Section 112(c)(1) of the African Growth and Op-
 7 portunity Act (19 U.S.C. 3721(c)(1)) is amended—

8 (1) in the paragraph heading, by striking
 9 “2012” and inserting “2015”;

10 (2) in subparagraph (A), by striking “2012”
 11 and inserting “2015”; and

12 (3) in subparagraph (B)(ii), by striking “2012”
 13 and inserting “2015”.

14 (b) ADDITION OF SOUTH SUDAN.—Section 107 of
 15 that Act (19 U.S.C. 3706) is amended by inserting after
 16 “Republic of South Africa (South Africa).” the following:

17 “Republic of South Sudan (South Sudan).”.

18 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 102(2) of
 19 that Act (19 U.S.C. 3701(2)) is amended by striking
 20 “48”.

21 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
 22 this section shall take effect on the date of the enactment
 23 of this Act.

1 **SEC. 2. MODIFICATIONS TO TEXTILE AND APPAREL RULES**
2 **OF ORIGIN FOR THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC-**
3 **CENTRAL AMERICA-UNITED STATES FREE**
4 **TRADE AGREEMENT.**

5 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

6 (1) AGREEMENT.—The term “Agreement” has
7 the meaning given the term in section 3(1) of the
8 Dominican Republic-Central America-United States
9 Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act (Public
10 Law 109–53; 19 U.S.C. 4002(1)).

11 (2) CAFTA–DR COUNTRY.—The term
12 “CAFTA–DR country” has the meaning given the
13 term in section 3(2) of the Dominican Republic-Cen-
14 tral America-United States Free Trade Agreement
15 Implementation Act (Public Law 109–53; 19 U.S.C.
16 4002(2)).

17 (3) HTS.—The term “HTS” means the Har-
18 monized Tariff Schedule of the United States.

19 (4) TRADE REPRESENTATIVE.—The term
20 “Trade Representative” means the United States
21 Trade Representative.

22 (b) MODIFICATIONS TO THE TEXTILE AND APPAREL
23 RULES OF ORIGIN.—

24 (1) INTERPRETATION AND APPLICATION OF
25 RULES OF ORIGIN.—Subdivision (m)(viii) of general
26 note 29 of the HTS is amended as follows:

1 (A) The matter following subdivision
2 (A)(2) is amended by striking the second sen-
3 tence and inserting the following: “Any elas-
4 tomic yarn (except latex) contained in the
5 originating yarns referred to in subdivision
6 (A)(2) must be formed in the territory of one
7 or more of the parties to the Agreement.”.

8 (B) Subdivision (B) is amended—

9 (i) in the matter preceding subdivision
10 (B)(1), by striking “exclusive of collars
11 and cuffs where applicable,” and inserting
12 “exclusive of collars, cuffs and ribbed
13 waistbands (only if the ribbed waistband is
14 present in combination with cuffs and
15 identical in fabric construction to the
16 cuffs) where applicable,”;

17 (ii) in subdivision (B)(2), by inserting
18 “or knit to shape components” after “one
19 or more fabrics”;

20 (iii) by amending subdivision (B)(3)
21 to read as follows:

22 “(3) any combination of the fabrics re-
23 ferred to in subdivision (B)(1), the fabrics or
24 knit to shape components referred to in subdivi-
25 sion (B)(2), or one or more fabrics or knit to

1 shape components originating under this note.”;
2 and

3 (iv) in the matter following subdivi-
4 sion (B)(3), by striking the last sentence
5 and inserting the following: “Any elas-
6 tomeric yarn (except latex) contained in an
7 originating fabric or knit to shape compo-
8 nent referred to in subdivision (B)(3) must
9 be formed in the territory of one or more
10 of the parties to the Agreement.”.

11 (C) Subdivision (C) is amended—

12 (i) in subdivision (C)(2), by inserting
13 “or knit to shape components” after “one
14 or more fabrics”;

15 (ii) by amending subdivision (C)(3) to
16 read as follows:

17 “(3) any combination of the fabrics re-
18 ferred to in subdivision (C)(1), the fabrics or
19 knit to shape components referred to in subdivi-
20 sion (C)(2) or one or more fabrics or knit to
21 shape components originating under this note.”;
22 and

23 (iii) in the matter following subdivi-
24 sion (C)(3), by striking the second sen-
25 tence and inserting the following: “Any

1 elastomeric yarn (except latex) contained
 2 in an originating fabric or knit to shape
 3 component referred to in subdivision
 4 (C)(3) must be formed in the territory of
 5 one or more of the parties to the Agree-
 6 ment.”.

7 (2) CHANGE IN TARIFF CLASSIFICATION
 8 RULES.—Subdivision (n) of general note 29 of the
 9 HTS is amended as follows:

10 (A) Chapter rule 4 to chapter 61 is amend-
 11 ed—

12 (i) by striking “5401 or 5508” and
 13 inserting “5401, or 5508 or yarn of head-
 14 ing 5402 used as sewing thread,”; and

15 (ii) by inserting “or yarn” after “only
 16 if such sewing thread”.

17 (B) The chapter rules to chapter 61 are
 18 amended by inserting after chapter rule 5 the
 19 following:

20 “Chapter rule 6: Notwithstanding chapter rules 1, 3,
 21 4 or 5 to this chapter, an apparel good of chapter 61 shall
 22 be considered originating regardless of the origin of any
 23 visible lining fabric described in chapter rule 1 to this
 24 chapter, narrow elastic fabrics as described in chapter rule
 25 3 to this chapter, sewing thread or yarn of heading 5402

1 used as sewing thread described in chapter rule 4 to this
2 chapter or pocket bag fabric described in chapter rule 5
3 to this chapter, provided such material is listed in U.S.
4 note 20 to subchapter XXII of chapter 98 and the good
5 meets all other applicable requirements for preferential
6 tariff treatment under this note.”.

7 (C) Chapter rules 3, 4, and 5 to chapter
8 62 are each amended by striking “nightwear”
9 each place it appears and inserting
10 “sleepwear”.

11 (D) Chapter rule 4 to chapter 62 is
12 amended—

13 (i) by striking “5401 or 5508” and
14 inserting “5401, or 5508 or yarn of head-
15 ing 5402 used as sewing thread,”; and

16 (ii) by inserting “or yarn” after “only
17 if such sewing thread”.

18 (E) The chapter rules to chapter 62 are
19 amended by inserting after chapter rule 5 the
20 following:

21 “Chapter rule 6: Notwithstanding chapter rules 1, 3,
22 4 or 5 to this chapter, an apparel good of chapter 62 shall
23 be considered originating regardless of the origin of any
24 visible lining fabric described in chapter rule 1 to this
25 chapter, narrow elastic fabrics as described in chapter rule

1 3 to this chapter, sewing thread or yarn of heading 5402
 2 used as sewing thread described in chapter rule 4 to this
 3 chapter or pocket bag fabric described in chapter rule 5,
 4 provided such material is listed in U.S. note 20 to sub-
 5 chapter XXII of chapter 98 and the good meets all other
 6 applicable requirements for preferential tariff treatment
 7 under this note.”.

8 (F) Tariff classification rule 33 to chapter
 9 62 is amended to read as follows:

10 “33. A change to pajamas and sleepwear of sub-
 11 headings 6207.21 or 6207.22, tariff items 6207.91.30 or
 12 6207.92.40, subheadings 6208.21 or 6208.22 or tariff
 13 items 6208.91.30, 6208.92.00 or 6208.99.20 from any
 14 other chapter, provided that the good is cut or knit to
 15 shape, or both, and sewn or otherwise assembled in the
 16 territory of one or more of the parties to the Agreement.”.

17 (G) Chapter rule 2 to chapter 63 is
 18 amended—

19 (i) by striking “5401 or 5508” and
 20 inserting “5401, or 5508 or yarn of head-
 21 ing 5402 used as sewing thread,”; and

22 (ii) by inserting “or yarn” after “only
 23 if such sewing thread”.

1 (H) The chapter rules to chapter 63 are
2 amended by inserting after chapter rule 2 the
3 following:

4 “Chapter rule 3: Notwithstanding chapter rule 2 to
5 this chapter, a good of this chapter shall be considered
6 originating regardless of the origin of sewing thread or
7 yarn of heading 5402 used as sewing thread described in
8 chapter rule 2 to this chapter, provided the thread or yarn
9 is listed in U.S. note 20 to subchapter XXII of chapter
10 98 and the good meets all other applicable requirements
11 for preferential tariff treatment under this note.”.

12 (3) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

13 (A) IN GENERAL.—The amendments made
14 by this subsection apply to goods of a CAFTA–
15 DR country that are entered, or withdrawn
16 from warehouse for consumption, on or after
17 the date that the Trade Representative deter-
18 mines is the first date on which the equivalent
19 amendments to the rules of origin of the Agree-
20 ment have entered into force in all CAFTA–DR
21 countries.

22 (B) PUBLICATION OF DETERMINATION.—
23 The Trade Representative shall promptly pub-
24 lish notice of the determination under subpara-
25 graph (A) in the Federal Register.

1 **SEC. 3. EXTENSION OF AND RENEWAL OF IMPORT RESTRIC-**
2 **TIONS UNDER BURMESE FREEDOM AND DE-**
3 **MOCRACY ACT OF 2003.**

4 (a) EXTENSION OF BURMESE FREEDOM AND DE-
5 MOCRACY ACT OF 2003.—Section 9(b)(3) of the Burmese
6 Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003 (Public Law 108–
7 61; 50 U.S.C. 1701 note) is amended by striking “nine
8 years” and inserting “twelve years”.

9 (b) RENEWAL OF IMPORT RESTRICTIONS.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—Congress approves the re-
11 newal of the import restrictions contained in section
12 3(a)(1) and section 3A (b)(1) and (c)(1) of the Bur-
13 mese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003.

14 (2) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—This section
15 shall be deemed to be a “renewal resolution” for
16 purposes of section 9 of the Burmese Freedom and
17 Democracy Act of 2003.

18 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section and the amend-
19 ment made by this section shall take effect on the date
20 of the enactment of this Act or July 26, 2012, whichever
21 occurs first.

22 **SEC. 4. TIME FOR PAYMENT OF CORPORATE ESTIMATED**
23 **TAXES.**

24 Notwithstanding section 6655 of the Internal Rev-
25 enue Code of 1986—

1 (1) in the case of a corporation with assets of
2 not less than \$1,000,000,000 (determined as of the
3 end of the preceding taxable year), the amount of
4 any required installment of corporate estimated tax
5 which is otherwise due in July, August, or Sep-
6 tember of 2017 shall be 100.25 percent of such
7 amount; and

8 (2) the amount of the next required installment
9 after an installment referred to in paragraph (1)
10 shall be appropriately reduced to reflect the amount
11 of the increase by reason of such paragraph.

12 **SEC. 5. EXTENSION OF CUSTOMS USER FEES.**

13 Section 13031(j)(3) of the Consolidated Omnibus
14 Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 (19 U.S.C. 58c(j)(3))
15 is amended—

16 (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “August 2,
17 2021” and inserting “October 22, 2021”;

18 (2) in subparagraph (B)(i), by striking “De-
19 cember 8, 2020” and inserting “October 29, 2021”;
20 and

21 (3) by striking subparagraphs (C) and (D).

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