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To amend section 334 of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act to clarify the rules of origin with respect to certain textile products.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CARDIN 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. RULES OF ORIGIN FOR TEXTILE AND APPAREL**
4 **PRODUCTS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 334(b)(2) of the Uruguay
6 Round Agreements Act (19 U.S.C. 3592(b)(2)) is amend-
7 ed to read as follows:

8 “(2) SPECIAL RULES.—

1 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding para-
2 graph (1)(D) and except as provided in sub-
3 paragraphs (B) and (C)—

4 “(i) the origin of a good that is classi-
5 fied under one of the following HTS head-
6 ings or subheadings shall be determined
7 under subparagraph (A), (B), or (C) of
8 paragraph (1), as appropriate: 5609, 5807,
9 5811, 6209.20.50.40, 6213, 6214, 6301,
10 6302, 6303, 6304, 6305, 6306, 6307.10,
11 6307.90, 6308, or 9404.90; and

12 “(ii) a textile or apparel product
13 which is knit to shape shall be considered
14 to originate in, and be the growth, product,
15 or manufacture of, the country, territory,
16 or possession in which it is knit.

17 “(B) CERTAIN OTHER TEXTILES.—Fabric
18 of silk, cotton, man-made fiber, or vegetable
19 fiber shall be considered to originate in, and be
20 the growth, product, or manufacture of, the
21 country, territory, or possession in which the
22 fabric is dyed and printed if at least 2 of the
23 following finishing operations are performed in
24 such country, territory, or possession: bleach-
25 ing, shrinking, fulling, napping, decating, per-

1 manent stiffening, weighting, permanent em-
2 bossing, or moireing.

3 “(C) SILK ACCESSORIES.—(i) Silk acces-
4 sories classified in HTS subheading 6117.10,
5 6213.10, or 6214.10 shall be considered to
6 originate in, and be the growth, product, or
7 manufacture of, the single country, territory, or
8 possession in which the fabric for the accessory
9 is cut into parts and assembled into a com-
10 pleted good.

11 “(ii) If the fabric of a silk accessory classi-
12 fied in HTS subheading 6117.10, 6213.10, or
13 6214.10 is not cut into parts and assembled in
14 a single country, territory, or possession, the
15 silk accessory shall be considered to originate in
16 the country, territory, or possession in which
17 the fabric for the accessory originates.”.

18 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
19 this section applies to goods entered, or withdrawn from
20 warehouse for consumption, on or after the date of the
21 enactment of this Act.

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