

**Statement of Honeywell International Inc.  
on H.R. 4188**

**A Bill to Suspend Temporarily the U.S. Duty on  
Certain 12-volt Batteries**

**As Provided for in 8507.20.8040  
of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States**

**before the  
Committee on Ways and Means  
U.S. House of Representatives**

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Honeywell International Inc. (Honeywell) appreciates the opportunity to comment on H.R. 4188, introduced by Representative Amo Houghton of New York. This measure provides for the temporary suspension of the U.S. import duty on certain 12-volt batteries, classified under 8507.20.8040 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS).

Granting a suspension of the duty on the product subject to this legislation is justified and appropriate. To our knowledge there is no U.S. commercial production of the exact product in question. For this reason passage of H.R. 4188, while having a positive impact on the competitiveness of Honeywell and its U.S. customers, would not have a detrimental effect on a U.S. industry.

**Description of Honeywell**

Honeywell is a US\$24-billion diversified technology and manufacturing leader, serving customers worldwide with aerospace products and services; control technologies for buildings, homes and industry; automotive products; specialty chemicals; fibers; plastics; and electronic and advanced materials. Honeywell employs approximately 115,000 people in 95 countries and is traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol HON, as well as on the London, Chicago and Pacific stock exchanges. It is one of the 30 stocks that make up the Dow Jones Industrial Average and is also a component of the Standard & Poor's 500 Index. Additional information on the company is available on the Internet at [www.honeywell.com](http://www.honeywell.com).

**Description of the Product and Its Uses**

The 12-volt lead-acid storage batteries addressed in this legislation are used for the auxiliary source of power for burglar or fire alarms and similar apparatus of HTS subheading 8531.10.00.

**Suspending the Duty on the Subject 12-volt Batteries is Warranted**

There is no U.S. commercial production of the type of 12-volt batteries on which suspension of duty is being sought. This product used to be manufactured in the United States however, that production moved offshore in 2001. And based on relevant import projections for the product covered by H.R. 4188, this proposal also complies with the Committee's "no-cost" requirement.

**Summary**

To Honeywell's knowledge there is no U.S. commercial production of the exact product in question. This legislation also meets the Committee's "no cost" criterion. For these reasons passage of H.R. 4188, while having a positive impact on the competitiveness of Honeywell and its U.S. customers, would not have a detrimental effect on a U.S. industry. Granting a suspension of the duty on the product subject to this legislation is justified and appropriate.