

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

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

[Date approved: April 10, 2008]²

Bill No. and sponsor: H.R. 4524 (Mr. Brian Bilbray of California).

Proponent name,³ location: Sony Corporation, San Diego, CA.

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

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

Retroactive effect: None.

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

Cathode-ray data/graphic display tubes, color, with a phosphor dot screen pitch of 0.305 mm or more but not exceeding 0.315 mm, a 90-degree deflection, a video display diagonal of 69.5 cm or more and an aspect ratio of 1 to 1 (provided for in subheading 8540.40.00).

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:

These tubes are replacement parts for CRT-based monitors used by air traffic controllers.

Japan was the principal import source for these tubes in 2007, with \$67,000 of total dutiable imports of \$404,000 under HTS statistical reporting number 8540.40.0080. The Netherlands was the leading import source under this HTS provision overall.

¹ Industry analyst preparing report: John Kitzmiller (202-205-3387); Tariff Affairs contact: Jan Summers (202-205-2605).

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

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

Estimated effect on customs revenue:

HTS subheading: 8540.40.00					
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Col. 1-General rate of duty	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$8,000,000	\$8,000,000	\$8,000,000	\$8,000,000	\$8,000,000
Customs revenue loss	\$240,000	\$240,000	\$240,000	\$240,000	\$240,000

Source of estimated dutiable import data: Commission and U.S. industry 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?
		(Yes/No)		
Sony Corp. (Proponent) Christina Mulvihill, 202-429-3653	01/22/2008	No	No	No
Panasonic/Matsushita Corp. of America Mary Alexander, 202-912-3800	01/06/2008	No	No	No
Princeton Display Technologies Dr. Suprasad Baidyaroy, 609-430-0690	01/23/2008	No	Yes	No
ELMO USA Corp. Gilbert DeLiso, 516-501-1400 ext. 107	01/22/2008	No	Yes	No

Technical comments:⁴

The slight modifications to the article description shown on page 1 are suggested to be more consistent with other tariff provisions.

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. 4524

To suspend temporarily the duty on certain cathode ray tubes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 13, 2007

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

A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on certain cathode ray
tubes.

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. CERTAIN CATHODE RAY TUBES.**

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.____	Cathode-ray data/graphic display tubes, color, with a phosphor dot screen pitch greater than or equal to 0.305 mm but less than 0.315 mm, a 90-degree deflection, a video display diagonal equal to or greater than 69.5 cm, and an aspect ratio of 1 to 1 (provided for in subheading 8540.40.00) ..	Free	No change	No change	On or before 12/31/2011	”.
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1 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by
2 subsection (a) applies to articles entered, or withdrawn
3 from warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day
4 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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