

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20436

**MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION  
of the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress<sup>1</sup>**

[Date approved: April 10, 2008]<sup>2</sup>

**Bill No. and sponsor:** H.R. 4511 (Mr. Steve Israel of New York).

**Proponent name,<sup>3</sup> location:** Honeywell International, Inc., Melville, NY; El Paso, TX; Louisville, KY; and Sparks, NV.

**Other bills on product (110<sup>th</sup> Congress only):** None.

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

**Retroactive effect:** None.

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

120 volt/60 Hz electrical transformers, each with dimensions of 77 mm by 61 mm by 50 mm, containing a layered and uncut round core with two balanced bobbins, the foregoing rated at 25VA (provided for in subheading 8504.31.40).

**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:**

Transformers are used to reduce (“step down”) or to increase (“step up”) alternating electrical current (AC). The subject transformers are used to step down 120 volt electrical currents to several other lower voltages to power various components within security alarm systems marketed by the proponent firm. These transformers incorporate a proprietary communications protocol that works with alarm signals sent over alternating current electrical lines in a residence or small business. The sole global source for this product is China; therefore, China accounts for all U.S. imports of these transformers.

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<sup>2</sup> Access to an electronic copy of this memorandum is available at [http://usitc.gov/tata/hts/other/rel\\_doc/bill\\_reports/index.htm](http://usitc.gov/tata/hts/other/rel_doc/bill_reports/index.htm).

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

**Estimated effect on customs revenue:**

| <b>HTS subheading: 8504.31.40</b>       |             |             |             |             |             |
|-----------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|                                         | 2009        | 2010        | 2011        | 2012        | 2013        |
| Col. 1-General rate of duty             | 6.6%        | 6.6%        | 6.6%        | 6.6%        | 6.6%        |
| Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports | \$2,300,000 | \$2,300,000 | \$2,300,000 | \$2,300,000 | \$2,300,000 |
| Customs revenue loss 1/                 | \$0         | \$151,800   | \$151,800   | \$151,800   | \$151,800   |

1/ There is an existing duty suspension under HTS heading 9902.85.05 that expires on December 31, 2009. Therefore there will be no customs revenue loss related to the bill for 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? |
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|                                                                          |                |                                              | (Yes/No)             |                   |
| Honeywell International, Inc. (Proponent)<br>Art Simonetti, 202-662-2671 | 02/8/2008      | No                                           | No                   | No                |

**Technical comments:<sup>4</sup>**

None.

<sup>4</sup> 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. 4511

To extend the temporary suspension of duty on certain electrical transformers.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 12, 2007

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

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## A BILL

To extend the temporary suspension of duty on certain electrical transformers.

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 ELECTRICAL TRANSFORMERS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Heading 9902.85.05 of the Har-  
5 monized Tariff Schedule of the United States (relating to  
6 certain 120 volt/60 Hz electrical transformers) 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 to goods entered, or withdrawn from

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

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