

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: August 26, 2008]<sup>2</sup>

**Bill No. and sponsor:** H.R. 5206 (Mrs. Ellen O. Tauscher of California).

**Proponent name,<sup>3</sup> location:** Applied Materials, Inc., Santa Clara, CA.

**Other bills on product (110<sup>th</sup> 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)):**

Radial ball bearings of steel, each having an outside diameter of 62 mm, an inside diameter of 30 mm and width of 16 mm (provided for in subheading 8482.10.50).

**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:**

Steel ball bearings reduce rotational axis in several different applications. The subject product is a common electrical motor quality bearing with widespread use in many industries, including in the manufacture of electrical motors and truck driveshaft hangers. These radial ball bearings are imported primarily from Japan, China, and Korea. Dutiable U.S. imports of all ball bearings covered by HTS subheading 8482.10.50 amounted to \$637.1 million in 2007, of which Japan and China accounted for \$209 million and \$128.6 million in shipments, respectively. Dutiable U.S. imports under HTS statistical reporting number 8482.10.5052, which covers radial single-row ball bearings having an outside diameter over 52 millimeters but not over 100 millimeters (a broader category than is covered by the description set forth above), totaled \$123.9 million, of which Japan, China, and Korea accounted for \$58.9 million, \$26.2 million, and \$14.3 million, respectively.

<sup>1</sup> Industry analyst preparing report: Sam Easterly (202-205-3350); Tariff Affairs contact: Jan Summers (202-205-2605).

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

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

**Estimated effect on customs revenue:**

<b>HTS subheading: 8482.10.50</b>					
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Col. 1-General rate of duty	9%	9%	9%	9%	9%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$123,900,000	\$123,900,000	\$123,900,000	\$123,900,000	\$123,900,000
Customs revenue loss	\$11,151,000	\$11,151,000	\$11,151,000	\$11,151,000	\$11,151,000

Source of estimated dutiable import data: Official U.S. Government statistics.<sup>4</sup>

**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)		
Applied Materials, Inc. (Proponent) Joe Pasetti, 202-638-4434, ext. 6	04/30/2008	No	No	No
American Bearings Manufacturers Association Ben Petok, bpetok@americanbearings.org	06/05/2008	No	No	No
Corning, Inc. Debbie Waggoner, waggonerdl@corning.com	06/06/2008	No	No	No
KLA-Tencor Corp. Meggan Powers, 408-875-3000	06/05/2008	No	No	No
National Electrical Manufacturers Association John Meakem, joh_meakem@nema.org	06/06/2008	No	No	No
Nor-Cal Products, Inc. David Stone, davidstone@n-c.com	06/05/2008	No	No	No
Novellus Systems, Inc. Pushpita Prasad, pushpita.prasad@novellus.com	06/05/2008	No	Yes	No
NSK Corp. Joe Labuta, labutaj@nsk-corp.com	06/04/2008	No	No	No
Qioptiq Imaging Solutions John Gebhardt, john.gebhardt@ny.qioptic.com	06/06/2008	No	No	No
RBC Bearings Chris Thomas, 203-255-1511	06/04/2008	No	No	No
SAES Pure Gas, Inc. C. Landoni, cristian_landoni@saes-group.com	06/05/2008	No	No	No

<sup>4</sup> Estimated import data based on the proposed revised product description were not provided by the proponent for its imports. It is likely that the figures shown for imports and customs revenue loss overstate the potential actual imports and revenue loss for the products concerned, but more precise information is unavailable.

Name of firm/organization	Date contacted	Claim US makes same or competing product(s)?	Submission attached?	Opposition noted?
Semiconductor Equipment and Materials, Intl.Ken Schramko, kschrako@semi.org	06/05/2008	No	No	No
The Timken Company Michael Haidet, michael.haidet@timken.com	06/04/2008	Yes	Yes	Yes
3M Co. Megan Ivory, mmivory@mmm.com	06/09/2008	No	No	No
T&M Service Mike Brooker, mbrooker@tandmservice.com	06/05/2008	No	No	No
W.L. Gore & Associates Mike Ratchford, mratchfo@wlgore.com	06/06/2008	No	No	No
Xandex, Inc. N. Manoochehri, nmanoochehri@xandex.com	06/05/2008	No	No	No

**Technical comments:<sup>5</sup>**

The product description should be amended as shown on page 1, to conform with normal drafting practices in the HTS. The scope of the proposed heading would be narrowed under that language compared to the bill as drafted, based on discussions with the proponent. The inclusion of precise physical dimensions may pose an enforcement burden to the administration of this provision by Customs and Border Protection, given that even the 10-digit statistical reporting number has a broader product coverage than the proposed language.

<sup>5</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  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 5206

To suspend temporarily the duty on Steel Ball Bearing, 62 millimeters outside diameter  $\times$  30 millimeters inside diameter  $\times$  16 millimeters width.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 29, 2008

Mrs. TAUSCHER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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## A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on Steel Ball Bearing, 62 millimeters outside diameter  $\times$  30 millimeters inside diameter  $\times$  16 millimeters width.

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. STEEL BALL BEARING, 62 MILLIMETERS OUT-**  
4 **SIDE DIAMETER  $\times$  30 MILLIMETERS INSIDE**  
5 **DIAMETER  $\times$  16 MILLIMETERS WIDTH.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 99 of  
7 the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States is  
8 amended by inserting in numerical sequence the following  
9 new heading:

“	9902.01.00	Steel Ball Bearing, 62 millimeters outside diameter × 30 millimeters inside diameter × 16 millimeters width (provided for in subheading 8482.10.50) .....	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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