

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. 4524 (Mr. Brian Bilbray of California).

**Proponent name,<sup>3</sup> location:** Sony Corporation, San Diego, 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)):**

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.  
                  X 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.

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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: 8540.40.00</b>					
	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:<sup>4</sup>**

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

<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. 4524

To suspend temporarily the duty on certain cathode ray tubes.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 13, 2007

Mr. BILBRAY 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 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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