

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: July 1, 2008]<sup>2</sup>

**Bill No. and sponsor:** H.R. 5361 (Mr. Gary L. Ackerman of New York).

**Proponent name,<sup>3</sup> location:** Leviton Manufacturing Co., Inc., Little Neck, NY.

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

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

**Retroactive effect:** None.

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

Lamp-holder housings of plastics, containing sockets (provided for in subheading 8536.61.00).

**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:**

Plastic lamp-holder housings containing sockets are one type of lamp-holder. Lamp-holders provide an electrical housing for bulb insertion in various types of lighting fixtures. Lamp-holders vary in style, electrical rating, and constituent materials and may be used for incandescent or fluorescent lighting devices. There are numerous configurations, including snap-in, plug-in, and screw-in, based on end-use requirements. Plastic lamp-holder housings containing sockets are typically used with a variety of fluorescent lighting. The principal U.S. import sources of this product are China and Mexico.<sup>4</sup> Dutiable U.S. imports of all lamp-holders classified in subheading 8536.61.00 (of any materials) totaled \$49.3 million in 2007.

<sup>1</sup> Industry analyst preparing report: Falan Yinug (202-205-2160); 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. USITC staff identified one additional beneficiary of this bill that was not identified by the sponsor/proponent, and that beneficiary submitted a written representation that it would benefit from this bill.

<sup>4</sup> Only originating goods of Mexico are eligible for duty-free entry under the North American Free Trade Agreement.

**Estimated effect on customs revenue:**

| <b>HTS subheading: 8536.61.00</b>       |             |             |             |             |             |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|   | 2009        | 2010        | 2011        | 2012        | 2013        |
| Col. 1-General rate of duty             | 2.7%        | 2.7%        | 2.7%        | 2.7%        | 2.7%        |
| Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports | \$4,521,000 | \$4,747,000 | \$4,984,000 | \$5,233,000 | \$5,495,000 |
| Customs revenue loss 1/                 | \$0         | \$128,169   | \$134,568   | \$141,291   | \$148,365   |

1/ There is an existing duty suspension under HTS heading 9902.23.29 that expires on December 31, 2009. Therefore, there will be no customs revenue loss related to this bill in 2009.

Source of estimated dutiable import data: Industry and 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)                                     |                      |                   |
| Leviton Manufacturing Co., Inc. (Proponent)<br>Christopher Schodowski, 619-205-8600 | 04/29/2008     | No   | No                   | No                |
| BJB Electric L.P.<br>Thomas Shaffer, thomas.shaffer@bjb.com                         | 05/09/2008     | No   | No                   | No                |
| Cooper Industries<br>Terry Helz, 713-209-8408                                       | 05/05/2008     | No   | No                   | No                |
| Eaton Corp.<br>Barry Doggett, 216-523-4664  | 05/05/2008     | No   | No                   | No                |
| Emerson Electric Co.<br>Robert McDonald, 202-662-8790                               | 05/05/2008     | No   | No                   | No                |
| Ericson Manufacturing<br>Paul Kickel, 440-951-8000                                  | 05/06/2008     | No   | No                   | No                |
| General Electric<br>Sandy Merber, 202-637-4000                                      | 05/05/2008     | No   | No                   | No                |
| Hitachi America, Ltd.<br>Carl Green, 202-828-9272                                   | 05/05/2008     | No   | No                   | No                |
| Hubbell, Inc.<br>Richard Davies, 203-799-4230                                       | 05/06/2008     | No   | No                   | No                |
| Legrand North America<br>Jude Kravitz, Jude.Kravitz@legrandna.com                   | 05/08/2008     | No   | No                   | No                |

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|  |                |  |                      |                   |
| Lutron Electronics, Inc.<br>John Woodman, 610-282-3800                         | 05/06/2008     | No   | No                   | No                |
| National Electrical Manufacturers Assn.<br>(NEMA)<br>John Meakem, 703-841-3243 | 05/05/2008     | No   | No                   | No                |
| Siemens Energy and Automation, Inc.<br>Thomas Varney, 770-751-2000             | 05/06/2008     | No   | No                   | No                |
| Technology Research Corp.<br>Owen Farren, 727-535-0572                         | 05/06/2008     | No   | No                   | No                |

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

None.

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<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. 5361

To extend the temporary suspension of duty on plastic lamp-holder housings containing sockets.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 12, 2008

Mr. ACKERMAN 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 plastic lamp-holder housings containing sockets.

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. PLASTIC LAMP-HOLDER HOUSINGS CON-**  
4 **TAINING SOCKETS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Heading 9902.23.29 of the Har-  
6 monized Tariff Schedule of the United States (relating to  
7 lamp-holder housings of plastic, containing sockets) is  
8 amended by striking “12/31/2009” and inserting “12/31/  
9 2011”.

1       (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
2 subsection (a) applies to goods entered, or withdrawn from  
3 warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after  
4 the date of the enactment of this Act.

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