

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

**MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION
of the 109th Congress¹**

[Date approved: October 24, 2006]²

Bill No. and sponsor: S. 3014 (Mr. Harry Reid of Nevada for Mr. John D. (Jay) Rockefeller IV of West Virginia).

Proponent name, location: Philips Electronics Corporation, New York, NY.

Other bills on product (109th Congress only): None.

Nature of bill: Temporary duty suspension through December 31, 2009.

Retroactive effect: None.

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

Strontium fluorophosphate antimony compound used as a luminophore (CAS Nos. 12168-31-9, 1309-64-4 and 1344-43-0) (provided for in subheading 3206.50.00).

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:

The product is an inorganic compound that is activated for use as a luminophore in the manufacture of fluorescent lighting, TV and computer monitors, light emitting diodes (LED), and other electronic products. It is imported from the Netherlands.

Estimated effect on customs revenue:

HTS subheading: 3206.50.00					
 	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Col. 1-General rate of duty	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$4,500,000	\$4,500,000	\$4,500,000	\$4,500,000	\$4,500,000
Customs revenue loss	\$292,500	\$292,500	\$292,500	\$292,500	\$292,500

Source of estimated dutiable import data: Industry estimates.

¹ Industry analyst preparing report: Larry Johnson (202-205-3351); Tariff Affairs contact: David Michels (202-205-3440).

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

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)		
Philips Electronics Corporation (Proponent) Katie Terricciano, 212-536-0694	07/27/2006	No	No	No
Agilent Technologies Robbins Pancake, 202-416-6211	08/03/2006	No	No	No
Apollo Color, Inc. Tom Rogers, 815-722-3965	07/27/2006	No	No	No
ASML US, Inc. Craig DeYoung, 480-383-4005	08/03/2006	No	No	No
Barium and Chemicals, Inc. Albert Pavlik, Jr., 740-282-9779	08/03/2006	No	No	No
BASF Corp. Phil Webb, 704-398-2588	07/27/2006	No	No	No
Bryant Electric Fax: 800-543-0538	08/03/2006	No	No	No
CDR Pigments & Dispersions Rucker Wickline, 270-737-1700	07/27/2006	No	No	No
CERAC, Inc. Marketing, 414-289-9800	08/03/2006	No	No	No
Chemical Products Corporation Gary D. Graves, 770-382-2144	08/03/2006	No	No	No
Ciba Specialty Chemical Corp. John Demming, 302-479-5499	07/27/2006	No	No	No
Clariant Corp. Andy Zamoyski, 401-823-2230	07/27/2006	No	No	No
ColorChem International Corp. Steven Printz, 770-993-5500	07/27/2006	No	No	No
Cooper Industries, Ltd. Terry Helz, 713-209-8408	08/03/2006	No	No	No
Cree Inc. Leigh Mitchell, 919-313-5300	08/03/2006	No	No	No
Cymer, Inc. Albert Cefalo, 858-385-6222 Edward Juliano, 978-264-0621	08/03/2006	No	No	No

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		(Yes/No)		
Diacolor-Pope Bob Turkos, 973-279-2702	07/27/2006	No	No	No
Eaton Corp. Barry Doggett, 216-423-4664	08/03/2006	No	No	No
Emerson Electric Co. Robert McDonald, 202-508-6303	08/03/2006	No	No	No
Ericson Manufacturing Co. Richard Fox, 440-951-8000	08/03/2006	No	No	No
Fanwood Chemical Co. Jim DeLisi, 908-322-8440	07/27/2006	No	No	No
Galaxie Chemical Corp. Richard Caldwell, 973-279-0558	07/27/2006	No	No	No
General Electric Co. Sandy Merber, 202-637-4000	08/03/2006	No	No	No
Hitachi America, Ltd. Carl Green, 202-828-9272	08/03/2006	No	No	No
Hubbell Inc. Thomas Conlin, 203-799-4293	08/03/2006	No	No	No
Intel Corporation David Rose, 202-626-4390	08/03/2006	No	No	No
Leviton Manufacturing Co., Inc. Stephen Hofmann, 202-216-9703	08/03/2006	No	No	No
Light Sources, Inc. John Masuchi, 203-799-7877	08/03/2006	No	No	No
Lutron Electronics Company, Inc. 610-282-3800	08/03/2006	No	No	No
Magruder Color Co., Inc. Joel Weissglass, 973-241-1300	07/27/2006	No	No	No
Mason Color Works, Inc. Carol Mason Cronin, 330-385-4400	07/27/2006	No	No	No
Max Marx Color Corp. Walter Sichel, 973-373-7801	07/27/2006	No	No	No
National Electrical Manufacturers Association John Meakem, 703-841-3243	08/03/2006	No	No	No
Osram Sylvania Pamela Horner, 978-777-1900	08/03/2006	No	No	No

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Pass & Seymour/Lagrand John Clarke, 315-468-8223	08/03/2006	No	No	No
PMC Inc. Gordon McCullough, 847-615-3400	07/27/2006	No	No	No
Siemens Energy and Automation, Inc. Tom Varney, 770-751-2000	08/03/2006	No	No	No
SEMI Victoria Hadfield, 202-289-0440	08/03/2006	No	No	No
Square D Co. 847-397-2600	08/03/2006	No	No	No
Sun Chemical Corp. Ed Faulkner, 513-681-5950	07/27/2006	No	No	No
Technology Research Corp. Robert Wiggins, 727-535-0572	08/03/2006	No	No	No

Technical comments:³

The Commission suggests that the article description on page 1 of this report be used in the proposed new heading in order to provide a more defined chemical name.

³ 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.

109TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

S. 3014

To suspend temporarily the duty on phosphor-strontium blue, strontium fluorophosphate, antimony.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 24, 2006

Mr. REID (for Mr. ROCKEFELLER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on phosphor-strontium blue, strontium fluorophosphate, antimony.

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. PHOSPHOR-STRONTRIUM BLUE, STRONTIUM**
4 **FLUOROPHOSPHATE, ANTIMONY.**

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

“	9902.32.39	Phosphor-strontium blue, strontium fluorophosphate, antimony inorganic products of a kind used as luminophores (CAS Nos. 12168-31-9, 1309-64-4 and 1344-43-0) (provided for in subheading 3206.50.00)	Free	No change	No change	On or before 12/31/2009	”.
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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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