

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

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

[Date approved: August 24, 2006]²

Bill No. and sponsor: S. 3119 (Mr. Sam Brownback of Kansas).

Proponent name, location: Spirit Aerosystems, Wichita, KS.

Other bills on product (109th Congress only): S. 3113.

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

Retroactive effect: None.

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

Exterior emergency lights, designed for use on airplanes (provided for in subheading 9405.60.40).

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:

Aircraft exterior emergency lights provide illumination of the airplane's overwing egress pathways and the ground contact area of the base of each slide during an emergency evacuation. The principal import source of these aircraft exterior emergency lights is Canada.

Estimated effect on customs revenue:

HTS subheading: <u>9405.60.40</u>					
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Col. 1-General rate of duty	6%	6%	6%	6%	6%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$910,000	\$990,000	\$1,089,000	\$1,197,900	\$1,317,690
Customs revenue loss	\$54,600	\$59,400	\$65,340	\$71,874	\$79,061

Source of estimated dutiable import data: Industry and Commission estimates.

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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)		
Spirit Aerosystems (Proponent) Dave Adams, 316-523-4312	06/29/2006	No	No	No
AAXICO Samuel Viera, 305-592-4633	07/05/2006	No	No	No
Honeywell Grimes Aerospace Scott Dugan, 937-484-2455	07/14/2006	No	No	No
Oxley, Inc. Martin Sloan, 203-488-1033	07/14/2006	No	No	No
Rockwell-Collins Melissa Strempeke, 319-295-5100	07/14/2006	No	No	No

Technical comments:³

It is suggested that the article description on page 1 of this report be used in the proposed new heading to provide the correct HTS subheading reference (9405.60.40) and to indicate clearly that the goods are for aircraft use.

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. 3119

To suspend temporarily the duty on exterior emergency lights.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 25, 2006

Mr. BROWNBACK introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on exterior emergency lights.

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. EXTERIOR EMERGENCY LIGHTS.**

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:

“	9902.94.05	Exterior emergency lights (provided for in subheading 9405.40.60)	Free	No change	No change	On or before 12/31/2009	”.
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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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