

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

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

[Date approved: October 11, 2006]²

Bill No. and sponsor: S. 3263 (Mr. Bill Frist of Tennessee on behalf of Mrs. Elizabeth Dole of North Carolina).

Proponent name, location: Leviton Manufacturing Co., Inc., Little Neck, 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)):

Lamp-holder housings of brass, 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:

Brass lamp-holder housings containing sockets are a type of lamp-holder (bulb holder). Lamp-holders provide an electrical housing for bulb insertion in various types of lighting fixtures. Lamp-holders vary in style, range of rating, and materials for use in incandescent and fluorescent lighting devices. There are numerous configurations, including snap-in, plug-in, and screw-in, based on end-use requirements. Brass lamp-holder housings containing sockets are typically chosen for particular lighting devices for aesthetic reasons, such as in high-end household table lamps. Products made of brass can often support higher heat applications than products made of aluminum. The principal U.S. import sources of this product are China and Mexico.

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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.

Estimated effect on customs revenue:

HTS subheading: 8536.61.00					
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Col. 1-General rate of duty	2.7%	2.7%	2.7%	2.7%	2.7%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Customs revenue loss	\$27,000	\$27,000	\$27,000	\$27,000	\$27,000

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?
		(Yes/No)		
Leviton Manufacturing Co., Inc. (Proponent) Stephen Hofmann, 202-216-9703	07/21/2006	No	No	No
Bryant Electric 1/ Fax: 800-543-0538	07/25/2006	No	No	No
Cooper Industries, Ltd. Terry Helz, 713-209-8408	07/24/2006	No	No	No
Eaton Corp. Barry Doggett, 216-423-4664	07/24/2006	No	No	No
Emerson Electric Co. Robert McDonald, 202-508-6303	07/24/2006	No	No	No
Ericson Manufacturing Co. Richard Fox, 440-951-8000	07/25/2006	No	No	No
General Electric Co. Sandy Merber, 202-637-4000	07/24/2006	No	No	No
Hitachi America, Ltd. Carl Green, 202-828-9272	07/24/2006	No	No	No
Hubbell Inc. Thomas Conlin, 203-799-4293	07/24/2006	No	No	No
Lutron Electronics Company, Inc. 1/ 610-282-3800	07/25/2006	No	No	No
National Electrical Manufacturers Association John Meakem, 703-841-3243	07/21/2006	No	No	No
Pass & Seymour/Lagrand John Clarke, 315-468-8223	07/24/2006	No	No	No

Name of firm/organization	Date contacted	Claim US makes same or competing product(s)?	Submission attached?	Opposition noted?
Siemens Energy and Automation, Inc. Tom Varney, 770-751-2000	07/25/2006	No	No	No
Square D Co. ^{1/} 847-397-2600	07/25/2006	No	No	No
Technology Research Corp. Robert Wiggins, 727-535-0572	07/25/2006	No	No	No

^{1/} No specific contact is available at some of the subject firms, which were identified using the Internet or in directories as firms that might have an interest in the bill.

Technical comments:³

It is suggested that the proposed article description be modified as shown on page 1 of this report, to be more consistent with normal tariff drafting practices.

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. 3263

To suspend temporarily the duty on brass lamp-holder housings containing sockets.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 26, 2006

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

A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on brass 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. CERTAIN BRASS LAMP-HOLDER HOUSINGS**
4 **CONTAINING SOCKETS.**

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:

“	9902.85.34	Brass lamp-holder housings containing sockets (provided for in subheading 8536.61.00)	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 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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