



## MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION of the 112th Congress

Date approved

### I. Background

Bill number:

Sponsor name:

Sponsor state:

Interested entity:

Name

City

State

Other bills on product (112th Congress only):

Nature of bill:

Expiration date:

Current or previous chapter 99 heading:

Retroactive date:

CAS number (if applicable):

Industry analyst:

Telephone:

Tariff Affairs contact:

Telephone:

Note:

1. Access to an electronic copy of this memorandum is available at [http://www.usitc.gov/tariff\\_affairs/congress\\_reports/](http://www.usitc.gov/tariff_affairs/congress_reports/).
2. In regard to the country(ies) of origin listed in section III, this report focuses on dutiable imports and does not take into account any tariff preference programs or special rates of duty.

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

Ceiling fans for permanent installation (provided for in subheading 8414.51.30)

(If enacted, the tariff relief provided for in this bill would be available to any entity that imports the product that is covered by the bill.)

Description above compared with bill as introduced:

- Same
 Different (see Technical Comments section)

**III. Other product information, including uses/applications and source(s) of imports**

The subject products are devices suspended from the ceilings of rooms which employ hub-mounted rotating paddles to circulate air to produce a cooling effect. They consist of several components: an electric switch, motor, motor encasement, metal arms (known as blade irons), and two to six paddles (called blades) typically made of wood, metal, or plastic; the arms and blades mount below, on top, or on the side of the electric motor. The principal U.S. import source of these fans is China. Dutiable U.S. imports under HTS subheading 8414.51.30 totaled \$646 million in 2011, or 99 percent of total imports.

**IV. Estimated effect on customs revenue**

Table with 6 columns: Subject product HTS subheading(s), 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017. Rows include Col.1-general rate of duty (%), Estimated value of dutiable imports (\$), and Customs revenue loss (\$).

Note: Customs revenue loss is provided for 5 years, although the effective period of the proposed legislation may differ. Regarding the HTS subheading listed in the article description of the bill, the Commission may express an opinion on the HTS classification of a product to facilitate consideration of the bill. However, by law, only U.S. Customs and Border Protection is authorized to issue a binding ruling on this matter. The Commission believes that Customs should be consulted prior to enactment of the bill.

Dutiable imports were based on (more than one may apply):

- Official statistics of the U.S. Department of Commerce
 Provided by industry sources
 Industry information
 Commission estimates

Duty reduction notes:

- This bill is not a duty reduction
 This bill is a temporary duty reduction. Rates are shown below.

Col.1-general duty rate (%) [ ] Temporary rate (%) [ ] Percentage point reduction (%) [ ]

**V. Technical comments**

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**VI. Continuation**

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## VII. Contacts with domestic firms/organizations

	# Firm/organization and contact name	Telephone number	Claims same or competing product made in the United States	Submission attached	Opposition noted
1	Lowe's Companies, Inc. (Interested entity) Scott Mason	704-758-2340	No	No	No
2	Big Ass Fans Sherell Watson	859-233-1271	No	No	No
3	Emerson Electric Co. Lisa Jackson/Toni Garcia	314-553-5187	No	No	No
4	Home Depot Kevin Pinel	770-384-2007	No	No	No
5	Hunter Fan Co. David Knapp	703-876-6800	No	No	No
6	Marley Engineered Products Tim Blackwell	800-642-4328 x2814	No	No	No
7	Matthews Fan Co. Chuck Matthews	847-680-9043	No	No	No

112TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 4917

To extend the temporary suspension of duty on ceiling fans for permanent installation.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 26, 2012

Mrs. ELLMERS 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 ceiling fans for permanent installation.

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. CEILING FANS FOR PERMANENT INSTALLA-**  
4 **TION.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Heading 9902.84.14 of the Har-  
6 monized Tariff Schedule of the United States (relating to  
7 ceiling fans for permanent installation) is amended by  
8 striking the date in the effective period column and insert-  
9 ing “12/31/2015”.

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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