



## 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)):**

12V Lead-acid storage batteries, of a kind used for the auxiliary source of power for burglar or fire alarms and similar apparatus of subheading 8531.10.00 (provided for in subheading 8507.20.80)

(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 12-volt lead acid storage batteries designed to provide immediate standby electrical power for burglar and fire alarms and similar apparatus when the main sources of electricity are unavailable. During charging, a direct current is passed through the battery, creating a number of chemical changes; this process is reversed when the battery is connected to an external circuit to provide power. Principal U.S. import sources of these batteries are China, Taiwan, and Vietnam.

**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 or percentage point reduction (%), 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 (%) 3.5 Temporary rate (%) 0.1 Percentage point reduction (%) 3.4

**V. Technical comments**

None

**VI. Continuation**

## 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	Honeywell International, Inc. (Interested entity) Art Simonetti	202-662-2671	No	No	No
2	Crown Battery Mike Fraley	419-334-7181	No	No	No
3	EnerSys Tom Biello	610-698-9804	No	No	No
4	KJK International Glenn Jones	973-361-1768	No	No	No
5	Stationary Power Services, Inc. Bill Mier	800-245-0893	No	No	No
6	U.S. Battery Manufacturing Co. Don Wallace	951-371-8090	No	No	No
7	Universal Power Group, Inc. Roger Tannery	469-892-1122	No	No	No

112TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 5139

To extend the temporary reduction of duty on certain 12-volt batteries.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 27, 2012

Mr. ISRAEL introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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## A BILL

To extend the temporary reduction of duty on certain 12-volt batteries.

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 12-VOLT BATTERIES.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Heading 9902.03.87 of the Har-  
5 monized Tariff Schedule of the United States (relating to  
6 certain 12-volt batteries) is amended by striking “12/31/  
7 2012” and inserting “12/31/2015”.

8 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
9 subsection (a) apply with respect to goods entered, or

- 1 withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after
- 2 the 15th day after the date of enactment of this Act.

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