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| | INTER | United States National Trade Commission |
| | | MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION of the 112th Congress |
| | | Date approved August 13, 2012 |
| I. Background | ł | |
| Bill number: | H.R. 5 | 85 |
| Sponsor name: Sponsor state: | Mr. To PA | m Marino |
| Interested entity | v: | |
| , L | | ungsten and Powders |
| City | Towanda | |
| State | PA | |
| Other bills on p | roduct (1 | 12th Congress only): H.R. 4770 (Mr. Richard E. Neal, MA); S. 2746 (Mr. Robert P. Casey, Jr., PA); and S. 2813 (Mr. John F. Kerry, MA) |
| Nature of bill: | Exter | ision of temporary duty suspension |
| Expiration date: | Dece | mber 31, 2015 |
| Current or previ | ious chaj | oter 99 heading: 9902.02.21 |
| Retroactive date: | | None |
| CAS number (if | applicab | le): 1314-36-9 |
| Industry analyst | t: | Jack Greenblatt |
| | | 202-205-3353 |
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| | | 202-205-3440 |

Note:

1. Access to an electronic copy of this memorandum is available at <u>http://www.usitc.gov/tariff_affairs/congress_reports/.</u>

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)):

Yttrium oxide (CAS No. 1314–36–9) (provided for in subheading 2846.90.80)

(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 product will be used to produce lighting phosphors for use in fluorescent lighting. It is imported from China. This bill and S. 2746 extend the existing Chapter 99 provision and modify the article description as described in the technical comments below. Bills H.R. 4770 and S. 2813 extend the Chapter 99 provision leaving the article description unchanged, but change the rate of duty from "Free" to 2 percent.

IV. Estimated effect on customs revenue

| Subject product HTS subheading(s) | 2846.90.80 | | | | | | |
|--|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|--|--|
| Item | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | | |
| Col.1-general rate of duty or percentage point reduction (%) | 3.7 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 3.7 | | |
| Estimated value of <i>dutiable</i> imports (\$) | 23,000,000 | 23,000,000 | 23,000,000 | 23,000,000 | 23,000,000 | | |
| Customs revenue loss (\$) | 851,000 | 851,000 | 851,000 | 851,000 | 851,000 | | |

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

 \boxtimes Provided by industry sources

Industry information

 \boxtimes Commission estimates

Duty reduction notes:

 \boxtimes 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

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 |
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| 1 | Global Tungsten and Powders (Interested entity) Paul Sedor | 570-268-5000 | No | No | No |
| 2 | Emerson Electric Robert McDonald | 202-662-8790 | No | No | No |
| 3 | General Electric Sandy Merber | 202-637-4000 | No | No | No |
| 4 | OSRAM SYLANIA Pamela Horner | 978-777-1900 | No | No | No |
| 5 | Philips Electronics Randall B. Moorhead | 202-962-8555 | No | No | No |

^{112TH CONGRESS} 2D SESSION H.R. 5185

To extend and modify the temporary suspension of duty on yttrium oxide.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

April 27, 2012

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

A BILL

To extend and modify the temporary suspension of duty on yttrium oxide.

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. YTTRIUM OXIDE.

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Heading 9902.02.21 of the Har5 monized Tariff Schedule of the United States (relating to
6 yttrium oxide) is amended—

7 (1) by striking "Yttrium oxides having a purity
8 of at least 99.9 percent" in the article description
9 and inserting "Yttrium oxide"; and

10 (2) by striking the date in the effective period
11 column and inserting "12/31/2015".

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
 subsection (a) apply to goods entered, or withdrawn from
 warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after
 the date of the enactment of this Act.