



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/.
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)):

Liquid-filled glass bulbs designed for sprinkler systems and other release devices (provided for in subheading 7020.00.60).

(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 thermally activated glass bulbs for use in building sprinkler systems. These bulbs are designed to break due to the expansion of the liquid inside when a certain temperature is reached, thereby releasing a flow of water through the sprinkler system. Imports of these bulbs come from Germany. There are no known U.S. producers of the subject glass bulbs.

IV. Estimated effect on customs revenue

Subject product HTS subheading(s)	7020.00.60				
Item	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Col.1-general rate of duty (%) or percentage point reduction	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1
Estimated value of <i>dutiable</i> imports (\$)	14,700,000	15,100,000	15,600,000	16,400,000	17,200,000
Customs revenue loss (\$)	602,700	619,100	639,600	672,400	705,200

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

None

VI. Continuation

None

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 Tyco Fire Protection Products (Interested entity) Kelly Philson	215-362-0700	No	No	No
	2 American Fire Sprinkler Association Phillip Brown	214-349-5963	No	No	No
	3 Globe Fire Sprinkler Corporation Terry B.	989-846-4583	No	No	No
	4 Reliable Automatic Fire Sprinkler Corporation Ron Van Dyck	864-843-5253	No	No	No
	5 Viking Corporation Greg Griffin	269-945-8242	No	No	No

112TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 5304

To extend the temporary reduction of duty on liquid-filled glass bulbs designed for sprinkler systems and other release devices.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 27, 2012

Ms. SCHWARTZ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

To extend the temporary reduction of duty on liquid-filled glass bulbs designed for sprinkler systems and other release devices.

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. LIQUID-FILLED GLASS BULBS DESIGNED FOR**
4 **SPRINKLER SYSTEMS AND OTHER RELEASE**
5 **DEVICES.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Heading 9902.24.26 of the Har-
7 monized Tariff Schedule of the United States (relating to
8 certain liquid-filled glass bulbs) is amended by striking the
9 date in the effective period column and inserting “12/31/
10 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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