



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)):

Microscopes (other than optical microscopes) and diffraction apparatus (provided for in subheading 9012.10.00)

(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 include various non-optical microscopes, including electron microscopes that are used in the researching and testing or manufacturing of semiconductor devices. Additional microscopes include scanning electron (SEM), transmission electron (TEM), scanning probe, electron diffraction, and, to a lesser extent, proton microscopes. The general application of these microscopes is to reveal the texture, chemical composition, and crystalline structure and orientation of a particular sample. Germany is the largest supplier of these products to the United States.

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

The article description set forth above was modified for greater clarity and for conformity with permanent HTS provisions.

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	IBM Corporation (Interested entity) John Adamo	720-395-1427	No	No	No
	2	Micron Technology, Inc. Matt Koehl	208-363-1041	No	No	No
	3	Intel Corporation David Rose	202-765-8080	No	No	No
	4	FEI Company Bradley J. Thies	503-726-7531	No	No	No

112TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 5415

To suspend temporarily the duty on microscopes other than optical
microscopes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 7, 2012

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

A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on microscopes other than
optical microscopes.

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. MICROSCOPES OTHER THAN OPTICAL MICRO-**
4 **SCOPES.**

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:

“	9902.01.00	Microscopes other than optical microscopes (provided for in subheading 9012.10.00)	Free	No change	No change	On or before 12/31/2015	”.
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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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