



## 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)):

Ceramic bases designed for high-intensity discharge (HID) lamps, such bases having metal locking pins to allow passage of an electrical current (provided for in subheading 8536.61.00)

(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 are components of high-intensity discharge (HID) lamps. In HID lamps, light is created by an electric arc between two electrodes. Three common HID lamp types are mercury vapor, metal halide, and high-pressure sodium lamps. They are typically used in outdoor lighting applications (e.g., stadiums and street lights) or to light large indoor areas (e.g., retail space and indoor arenas). The subject products are specialized lamp bases made of ceramic. The bases have two keyed pins that snap into a socket with a slight twist. The principal source of imports of the subject products is China. Opposition to this bill is noted below in the Contacts table.

## IV. Estimated effect on customs revenue

Subject product HTS subheading(s)	8536.61.00				
Item	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Col.1-general rate of duty or percentage point reduction (%)	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7
Estimated value of <i>dutiable</i> imports (\$)	700,000	700,000	700,000	600,000	500,000
Customs revenue loss (\$)	18,900	18,900	18,900	16,200	13,500

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.

## 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	Philips Electronics North America Corp. (Interested entity) Randall B. Moorhead	202-962-8555	No	No	No
2	Acuity Brands Neil Egan	770-860-2957	No	No	No
3	Advanced Lighting Technologies Sabu Krishnan	440-519-0500	No	No	No
4	Cree, Inc. Diana Semel Allen	919-407-5300	No	No	No
5	General Electric Co. Tim Richards	202-637-4407	No	No	No
6	LEDtronics Pervaiz Lodhie	310-534-1424	No	No	No
7	Lighting Science Group Brad Knight	321-779-5520	No	No	No
8	Keystone Technologies Ira Greenberg	215-283-2600	No	No	No
9	Lutron Electronics Co., Inc. Pekka Hakkarainen	610-282-6766	No	No	No
10	OSRAM SYLVANIA Pamela Horner	978-750-2563	No	Yes	No
11	Soraa Wilfred Martis	510-456-2200	No	No	No
12	Venture Lighting International Thomas Harding	440-836-7250	No	No	No

112TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 5476

To suspend temporarily the duty on ceramic bases designed for high intensity discharge (HID) lamps, with metal locking pins to allow passage of an electrical current.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 7, 2012

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

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## A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on ceramic bases designed for high intensity discharge (HID) lamps, with metal locking pins to allow passage of an electrical current.

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. CERAMIC BASES DESIGNED FOR HIGH INTEN-**  
4 **SITY DISCHARGE (HID) LAMPS, WITH METAL**  
5 **LOCKING PINS TO ALLOW PASSAGE OF AN**  
6 **ELECTRICAL CURRENT.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 99 of  
8 the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States is

1 amended by inserting in numerical sequence the following  
 2 new heading:

“	9902.01.00	Ceramic bases designed for high intensity discharge (HID) lamps, with metal locking pins to allow passage of an electrical current (provided for in sub-heading 8536.61.00) .....	Free	No change	No change	On or before 12/31/2015	”.
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3 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
 4 subsection (a) applies to goods entered, or withdrawn from  
 5 warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after  
 6 the date of the enactment of this Act.

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