



## 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)):**

Banana jack connectors (provided for in subheading 8536.69.80)

(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, banana connectors or plugs, are one type of electrical connector used in conjunction with amplifier-to-speaker connections. They feature a single wire to conduct the signal and have screw-on connections if designed to plug into the back of audio devices. Standard banana plugs are used with connections on the front side of audio devices. The metal pin in the connector is held in place by curved springs—giving rise to the name of the connector. Binding post adapters feature an optional "front-side" connection, either screw-on or push-in for banana plugs, within audio speaker connections. A protective housing prevents the user from contacting the electrical charge. The principal U.S. import source of this product is China. Other import sources include Mexico, Japan, Germany, and Taiwan. Dutiable U.S. imports under HTS subheading 8536.69.80 (a broader category than is covered by this bill) totaled \$408 million in 2011.

**IV. Estimated effect on customs revenue**

Subject product HTS subheading(s)	8536.69.80				
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 (\$)	10,500,000	10,500,000	10,500,000	10,500,000	10,500,000
Customs revenue loss (\$)	283,500	283,500	283,500	283,500	283,500

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**

None

**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	Leviton Manufacturing Company (Interested entity) David Olave	202-730-4960	No	No	No
2	BJB USA Joseph Laufer	706-965-2526	No	No	No
3	Coleman Cable, Inc. Gene Stang	847-672-2380	No	No	No
4	Cooper Industries Terry Helz	713-209-8408	No	No	No
5	Eaton Corp. Barry Doggett	216-523-4664	No	No	No
6	Emerson Electric Co. Lisa Jackson	202-662-8790	No	No	No
7	Ericson Manufacturing Jay Ericson	800-374-2766	No	No	No
8	General Electric Sandy Merber	202-637-4000	No	No	No
9	Hitachi America, Ltd. Carl Green	202-828-9272	No	No	No
10	Hubbell, Inc. Richard Davies	475-882-4000	No	No	No
11	Legrand North America Hoyt Webb Jude Kravitz	877-295-3472	No	No	No
12	Lutron Electrical Corp. John Woodman	610-282-3800	No	No	No
13	Monster Cable David Tognotti	877-800-8989	No	No	No
14	National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA) Kyle Pitsor Craig Updyke	703-841-3200	No	No	No
15	Panamax John Humphrey	707-283-5900	No	No	No
16	Patton Electronics Bobby Patton	301-975-1000, x 1204	No	No	No
17	Philips Electronics Michelle DeMoor	202-962-8551	No	No	No

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	18	Schneider Square D Mary Chris Arnesen	847-925-3152	No	No	No
	19	Siemens Energy and Automation, Inc. Kathy Gouge	888-454-4704 ,x 19333	No	No	No
	20	Technology Research Corp. Owen Farren	727-535-0572	No	No	No
	21	Whirldwind USA Michael Laiacona	800-733-9473, x 147	No	No	No

112TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 5136

To suspend temporarily the duty on banana jack connectors.

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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

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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. BANANA JACK CONNECTORS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 99 of  
5 the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States is  
6 amended by inserting in numerical sequence the following  
7 new heading:

“	9902.01.00	Banana jack connectors (provided for in sub- heading 8536.69.80) .....	Free	No change	No change	On or before 12/31/2015	”.
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8 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
9 subsection (a) applies to articles entered, or withdrawn

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

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