



## 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)):**

Lamp-holder housings of brass, containing sockets (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, brass lamp-holder housings containing sockets, are one type of lamp-holder (bulb holder). Lamp-holders provide an electrical housing for bulb insertion in various types of lighting fixtures. Lamp-holders vary in style, range of rating, and materials and may be used for use in incandescent, fluorescent, or other lighting devices. There are numerous configurations, including snap-in, plug-in, and screw-in, based on end-use requirements. Brass lamp-holder housings containing sockets are typically chosen for particular lighting devices for aesthetic reasons, such as in high-end household table lamps. Products made of brass can often support higher heat applications, compared to products made of aluminum. The principal U.S. import sources of this product are China, Mexico, and Germany. Total U.S. imports of HTS subheading 8536.61.00 (a broader category than is covered by this bill) totaled \$88 million in 2011. 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 (\$)	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000
Customs revenue loss (\$)	67,500	67,500	67,500	67,500	67,500

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, Inc. (Interested entity) David Olave	202-730-4960	No	No	No
2	BJB USA Joseph Laufer	706-730-4960	No	No	No
3	Cooper Industries Terry Helz	713-209-8408	No	No	No
4	Eaton Corp. Barry Doggett	216-523-4664	No	No	No
5	Emerson Electric Co. Robert McDonald	202-662-8790	No	No	No
6	EMF Corp. Howie Sanders	260-665-9541	Yes	Yes	Yes
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	203-799-4230	No	No	No
11	Legrand North America Hoyt Webb Jude Kravitz	877-295-3472	No	No	No
12	Lutron Electronics Co., Inc. John Woodman	610-282-3800	No	No	No
13	National Electrical Manufacturers Association Kyle Pitsor	703-841-3243	No	No	No
14	Panamax Bill Pollock	707-283-5900	No	No	No
15	Patton Electronics Bobby Patton	301-975-1000, x 1204	No	No	No
16	Philips Electronics Michelle DeMoore	202-962-8551	No	No	No
17	Schneider Square D Mary Chris Arnesen	847-925-3152	No	No	No
18	Siemens Energy and Automation, Inc. Kathy Gouge	888-454-4704, x 19333	No	No	No

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	19	Technology Research Corp. Owen Farren	727-535-0572	No	No	No

## Schneider, Patrick

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**From:** Howard Sanders <HSanders@emfusa.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 19, 2012 3:25 PM  
**To:** Schneider, Patrick  
**Subject:** RE: USITC Proposed Tariff Suspensions on Lampholders

Patrick,

I am opposed to lowering tariffs on the lampholders as it adds to our difficulty of manufacturing in USA and competing against the lower labor rate countries. 2.7% may not seem like much but it may be the difference in a sale for a US company or an off shore competitor.

Regards,  
Howard Sanders  
President  
EMF Corporation

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**From:** Patrick.Schneider@usitc.gov [mailto:Patrick.Schneider@usitc.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 19, 2012 2:57 PM  
**To:** Howard Sanders  
**Subject:** USITC Proposed Tariff Suspensions on Lampholders

Mr. Sanders:

I am with the U.S. International Trade Commission (the Commission), an independent agency in the U.S. Government, which, among other things, provides advice to the President and Congress on all matters of international trade. I am writing to request your input on Congressional legislation related to tariff suspensions. I have included more details and questions on the bills below:

Bill	Product	Current tariff rate	Proposed tariff rate	Link to bill
H.R. 5131	Lamp-holder housings of porcelain, containing sockets (provided for in subheading 8536.61.00).	Free (2.7%)	Free through December 31, 2015	<a href="http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-112hr5131ih/pdf/BILLS-112hr5131ih.pdf">http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-112hr5131ih/pdf/BILLS-112hr5131ih.pdf</a>
H.R. 5132	Lamp-holder housings of aluminum, containing sockets (provided for in subheading 8536.61.00)	Free (2.7%)	Free through December 31, 2015	<a href="http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-112hr5132ih/pdf/BILLS-112hr5132ih.pdf">http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-112hr5132ih/pdf/BILLS-112hr5132ih.pdf</a>
H.R. 5137	Lamp-holder housings of brass, containing sockets (provided for in subheading 8536.61.00)	Free (2.7%)	Free, through December 31, 2015	<a href="http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-112hr5137ih/pdf/BILLS-112hr5137ih.pdf">http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-112hr5137ih/pdf/BILLS-112hr5137ih.pdf</a>
H.R. 5138	Lamp-holder housings of plastic, containing sockets (provided for in subheading 8536.61.00)	Free (2.7%)	Free, through December 31, 2015	<a href="http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-112hr5138ih/pdf/BILLS-112hr5138ih.pdf">http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-112hr5138ih/pdf/BILLS-112hr5138ih.pdf</a>

H.R. 5133	Switches designed for lighting control, activated by dual passive infrared sensors that detect the presence of any occupant of the coverage area, with lens masking for adjusting the field of view of the sensors(provided for in subheading 8536.50.90)	2.7%	Free, through December 31, 2015	<a href="http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-112hr5133ih/pdf/BILLS-112hr5133ih.pdf">http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-112hr5133ih/pdf/BILLS-112hr5133ih.pdf</a> <a href="http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-112hr4711ih.pdf">BILLS-112hr4711ih.pdf</a>
H.R. 5134	Duplex surge protection receptacles for a voltage not exceeding 250v alternating current, each with monitor light to indicate the device is protecting the circuit (provided for in subheading 8536.30.80)	2.7%	Free, through December 31, 2015	<a href="http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-112hr5134ih/pdf/BILLS-112hr5134ih.pdf">http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-112hr5134ih/pdf/BILLS-112hr5134ih.pdf</a>
H.R. 5135	Ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) receptacles designed to prevent insertion of foreign objects, each with internal shutters and clearly marked TR ('tamper resistant'), certified by the importer as meeting the 2008 National Electric Code Section 406.11 for 15 ampere or 20 ampere receptacles (provided for in subheading 8536.30.80)	2.7%	Free, through December 31, 2015	<a href="http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-112hr5135ih/pdf/BILLS-112hr5135ih.pdf">http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-112hr5135ih/pdf/BILLS-112hr5135ih.pdf</a>
H.R. 5136	Banana jack connectors (provided for in subheading 8536.69.80)	2.7%	Free, through December 31 2015	<a href="http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-112hr5136ih/pdf/BILLS-112hr5136ih.pdf">http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-112hr5136ih/pdf/BILLS-112hr5136ih.pdf</a>

The Commission prepares reports on legislation concerning duty suspensions for

the House Ways and Means and Senate Finance Committees. As a part of this process, the Commission attempts to identify and contact domestic firms and associations that may have an interest in the subject legislation.

We would appreciate it very much if you could please advise us in regard to(only in the bills that apply to you and please specify which ones):

- Do you have an interest in the proposed duty suspension legislation and, if so, do you support, oppose, or are you neutral to each of the bills? **If you oppose the bill, please submit a written statement saying so via email. You may also submit comments at the link provided below, and to your local Congressman's office.**
- Do you make any of the products described in the bills or competing products in the United States? Is there other U.S. manufacturing of the products described in the bills or competing products? If so, could you provide the names of the firms that make these products?
- Do you import the products described in these bills? If so, what countries are the major sources of imports for each of these products?
- Will you benefit from this bill? If so, can you provide me an estimate of the value of industry imports(you may submit this separately if it is proprietary information) that will benefit from this bill in each of the next five years?

The House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee would like to hear your comments on the bill and you may submit them at the website below in the area corresponding to your specific bill: <http://waysandmeans.house.gov/mtb/mtbbills.htm>. You may also contact the House Ways and Means Committee at Ph: 202-225-3625 fax: 202-225-2610. You are also encouraged to contact your Congressman or Senator.

Thank you for your time.

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112TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 5137

To extend the temporary suspension of duty on certain brass lamp-holder housings.

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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

To extend the temporary suspension of duty on certain brass lamp-holder housings.

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. CERTAIN BRASS LAMP-HOLDER HOUSINGS.**

4       (a) IN GENERAL.—Heading 9902.23.32 of the Har-  
5       monized Tariff Schedule of the United States (relating to  
6       certain brass lamp-holder housings) is amended by strik-  
7       ing “12/31/2012” and inserting “12/31/2015”.

8       (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
9       subsection (a) apply with respect to goods entered, or

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

