



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)):

6 V lead-acid storage batteries with a maximum length of 8.89 cm, maximum width of 5.08 cm and maximum height of 11.43 cm, rated at less than 10 ampere-hours, certified by the importer as intended for use as the auxiliary source of power for burglar or fire alarms and similar apparatus of subheading 8531.10.00 (provided for in subheading 8507.20.80)

(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 are 6-volt lead-acid storage batteries designed to provide immediate standby electrical power for burglar and fire alarms and similar apparatus when the main sources of electricity are unavailable. Principal U.S. import sources of these batteries are China, Taiwan, and Vietnam.

IV. Estimated effect on customs revenue

| Subject product HTS subheading(s) | 8507.20.80 | | | | |
|--|------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Item | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
| Col.1-general rate of duty or percentage point reduction (%) | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.5 |
| Estimated value of <i>dutiable</i> imports (\$) | 600,000 | 600,000 | 600,000 | 600,000 | 600,000 |
| Customs revenue loss (\$) | 21,000 | 21,000 | 21,000 | 21,000 | 21,000 |

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

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 | Honeywell International, Inc. (Interested entity) Art Simonetti | 202-662-2671 | No | No | No |
| 2 | Crown Battery Mike Fraley | 419-334-7181 | No | No | No |
| 3 | EnerSys Tom Biello | 610-698-9804 | No | No | No |
| 4 | KJK International Glenn Jones | 973-361-1768 | No | No | No |
| 5 | Stationary Power Services, Inc. Bill Mier | 800-245-0893 | No | No | No |
| 6 | U.S. Battery Manufacturing Co. Don Wallace | 951-371-8090 | No | No | No |
| 7 | Universal Power Group, Inc. Roger Tannery | 469-892-1122 | No | No | No |

112TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 5141

To extend the temporary suspension of duty on certain 6-volt batteries.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 27, 2012

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

A BILL

To extend the temporary suspension of duty on certain 6-volt batteries.

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 6-VOLT BATTERIES.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Heading 9902.23.56 of the Har-
5 monized Tariff Schedule of the United States (relating to
6 certain 6-volt batteries) is amended by striking “12/31/
7 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.

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