



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)):

Cerium nitrate (CAS No. 10294-41-4) (provided for in subheading 2846.10.00)

(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 product is used to produce lighting phosphors for use in fluorescent lighting. It is imported from China. Opposition to this bill is noted below in the Contacts table.

IV. Estimated effect on customs revenue

Table with 6 columns: Item, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017. Rows include Subject product HTS subheading(s), Col.1-general rate of duty or percentage point reduction (%), 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

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	Global Tungsten and Powders (Interested entity) Paul Sedor	570-268-5000	No	No	No
	2	Emerson Electric Robert McDonald	202-662-8790	No	No	No
	3	GFS Chemicals Mark Mellum	614-224-5345, x312	Yes	Yes	Yes
	4	General Electric Sandy Merber	202-637-4000	No	No	No
	5	OSRAM SYLVANIA Pamela Horner	978-777-1900	No	No	No
	6	Philips Electronics Randall B. Moorhead	202-962-8555	No	No	No
	7	Shepherd Chemical Gary Conrad	513-731-1110	No	No	No

112TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 5182

To suspend temporarily the duty on cerium nitrate.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 27, 2012

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

A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on cerium nitrate.

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. CERIUM NITRATE.**

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	Cerium nitrate (CAS No. 10294-41-4) (provided for in subheading 2846.10.00)	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 goods entered, or withdrawn from

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

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From: [Nesbitt, Elizabeth](#)
To: [Nesbitt, Elizabeth](#)
Subject: RE: HR5182
Date: Monday, July 23, 2012 4:46:57 PM

From: Mark Mellum [mailto:mark@GFSChemicals.com]
Sent: Monday, July 23, 2012 4:43 PM
To: Nesbitt, Elizabeth
Subject: RE: HR5182

Hi Elizabeth,

GFS Chemicals, Inc. opposes the tariff reduction for cerium nitrate. We manufacture the product and recently switched our raw material source from an foreign supplier to a domestic supplier due to a supply disruption caused by the country where the raw material is manufactured. So, the tariff reduction could negatively affect both us and our United States raw material supplier.

My contact information is below. An alternate telephone number is 740-881-5501 which is answered during business hours by a live operator.

Please contact me if you have any other questions or comments.

Best regards,
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