



## 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)):**

Metal screw type bases designed for high-intensity discharge (HID) lamps (provided for in subheading 8539.90.00)

(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 brass or nickel plated screw bases, which are glued to the end of the light bulb to make electrical contact with a power source. The principal source of imports of the subject products is the European Union. Opposition to this bill is noted below in the Contacts table.

**IV. Estimated effect on customs revenue**

| Subject product HTS subheading(s)                            | 8539.90.00 |           |           |           |         |
|--|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|
| Item   | 2013       | 2014      | 2015      | 2016      | 2017    |
| Col.1-general rate of duty or percentage point reduction (%) | 2.6        | 2.6       | 2.6       | 2.6       | 2.6     |
| Estimated value of dutiable imports (\$)                     | 1,200,000  | 1,300,000 | 1,200,000 | 1,000,000 | 900,000 |
| Customs revenue loss (\$)                                    | 31,200     | 33,800    | 31,200    | 26,000    | 23,400  |

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**

Punctuation in the article description.

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

112<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 5471

To suspend temporarily the duty on metal screw type bases designed for high intensity discharge (HID) lamps.

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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 metal screw type bases designed for high intensity discharge (HID) lamps.

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. METAL SCREW TYPE BASES DESIGNED FOR**  
4 **HIGH INTENSITY DISCHARGE (HID) LAMPS.**

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

|   |            |   |      |           |           |                         |    |
|---|------------|---|------|-----------|-----------|-------------------------|----|
| “ | 9902.01.00 | Metal screw type bases designed for high intensity discharge (HID) lamps (provided for in sub-heading 8539.90.00) ..... | Free | No change | No change | On or before 12/31/2015 | ”. |
|---|------------|---|------|-----------|-----------|-------------------------|----|

1       (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
2 subsection (a) applies to goods entered, or withdrawn from  
3 warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after  
4 the date of the enactment of this Act.

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