

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

**MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION
of the 109th Congress¹**

[Date approved: October 24, 2006]²

Bill No. and sponsor: S. 3008 (Mr. Harry Reid of Nevada for Mr. John D. (Jay) Rockefeller IV of West Virginia).

Proponent name, location: Philips Electronics Corporation, New York, NY.

Other bills on product (109th Congress only): None.

Nature of bill: Temporary duty suspension through December 31, 2009.

Retroactive effect: None.

Suggested article description(s) for enactment (including appropriate HTS subheading(s)):

Preformed pellets of a mixture of sodium iodide, thallium iodide, dysprosium tri-iodide, holmium tri-iodide, and thulium tri-iodide (CAS Nos. 7681-82-5, 7790-30-9, 15474-63-2, 13813-41-7, 13813-43-9), or these same preformed pellets also containing calcium iodide (CAS No. 10102-68-8) (provided for in subheading 2827.60.50)

Check one: Same as that in bill as introduced.
 Different from that in bill as introduced (see Technical comments section).

Product information, including uses/applications and source(s) of imports:

The product, imported from Belgium, is used as a color rendering in specialty electronic devices.

Estimated effect on customs revenue:

HTS subheading: 2827.60.50					
 	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Col. 1-General rate of duty	4.2%	4.2%	4.2%	4.2%	4.2%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$275,000	\$275,000	\$275,000	\$275,000	\$275,000
Customs revenue loss	\$11,550	\$11,550	\$11,550	\$11,550	\$11,550

Source of estimated dutiable import data: Industry estimates.

¹ Industry analyst preparing report: Jack Greenblatt (202-205-3353); Tariff Affairs contact: David Michels (202-205-3440).

² Access to an electronic copy of this memorandum is available at http://usitc.gov/tata/hts/other/rel_doc/bill_reports/index.htm.

Contacts with domestic firms/organizations (including the proponent):

Name of firm/organization	Date contacted	Claim US makes same or competing product(s)?	Submission attached?	Opposition noted?
		(Yes/No)		
Philips Electronics Corporation (Proponent) Randy Moorhead, 202-962-8550 KatieTerriccio, 212-536-0694	08/29/2006	No	No	No
Ciba Specialty Chemical Corp. John Demming, 302-479-5499	09/01/2006	No	No	No
Clariant Corp. Andy Zamoyski, 401-823-2230	09/01/2006	No	No	No
Cree Inc. Mark Parrish, 919-313-5300	08/30/2006	No	No	No
General Electric Co. Sandy Merber, 202-637-4000	09/01/2006	No	No	No
Hitachi America, Ltd. Carl Green, 202-828-9272	09/01/2006	No	No	No
LightSources Inc. John Masucci, 203-799-7877	08/30/2006	No	No	No
Max Marx Color Corp. Walter Sichel, 973-373-7801	07/27/2006	No	No	No
Osram Sylvania Pamela Horner, 978-777-1900	08/03/2006	No	No	No

Technical comments:³

The Commission suggests that the article description on page 1 of this report be used in the proposed new heading in order to provide a more defined chemical name and the correct CAS number.

³ The Commission may express an opinion on the HTS classification of a product to facilitate consideration of the bill. However, by law, only the U.S. Customs Service is authorized to issue a binding ruling on this matter. The Commission believes that the U.S. Customs Service should be consulted prior to enactment of the bill.

109TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

S. 3008

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 24, 2006

Mr. REID (for Mr. ROCKEFELLER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. PREFORMED PELLETS OF A MIXTURE OF SO-**
 2 **DIUM IODIDE, THALLIUM IODIDE, DYSPRO-**
 3 **SIUM TRI-IODIDE, HOLMIUM TRI-IODIDE,**
 4 **THULIUM TRI-IODIDE, AND SOMETIMES CAL-**
 5 **CIUM IODIDE.**

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

“	9902.28.27	Preformed pellets of a mixture of sodium iodide, thallium iodide, dysprosium tri-iodide, holmium tri-iodide, thulium tri-iodide, and sometimes calcium iodide (CAS Nos. 7681-82-5, 7790-30-9, 15474-63-2, 13813-41-7, 1381-43-9, or 10102-68-8) (provided for in sub-heading 2827.60.50)	Free	No Change	No Change	On or Before 12/31/2009	”.
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10 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
 11 subsection (a) applies to articles entered, or withdrawn
 12 from warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day
 13 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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