

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

**MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION
of the 110th Congress¹**

[Date approved: May 14, 2008]²

Bill No. and sponsor: H.R. 4976 (Mr. Jim Ramstad of Minnesota).

Proponent name³, location: Honeywell International, Inc.

Other bills on product (110th Congress only): None.

Nature of bill: Extension of temporary duty suspension through December 31, 2011.

Retroactive effect: None.

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

Cathode-ray data/graphic display tubes, color, with a less than 90 degree deflection (provided for in subheading 8540.60.00).

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 products subject to this legislation are cathode-ray data/graphic display tubes, color, with a less than 90-degree deflection. These cathode-ray tubes are used in radio and radar monitoring units in the cockpits of aircraft. There are no known U.S. manufacturers of these tubes for use in civil aircraft.

Dutiable U.S. imports of all goods under subheading 8540.60.00 totaled over \$6.2 million in 2007. Germany and Japan were the principal sources of such tubes, with about \$2.5 million and \$2 million in imports, respectively. The subheading covers other goods in addition to the subject display tubes.

¹ Industry analyst preparing report: John Kitzmiller (202-205-3387); Tariff Affairs contact: Jan Summers (202-205-2605).

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

³ The sponsor/proponent did not identify any additional beneficiaries of this bill.

Estimated effect on customs revenue:

HTS subheading: 8540.60.00					
 	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Col. 1-General rate of duty	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$12,000,000	\$12,000,000	\$12,500,000	\$12,500,000	\$12,500,000
Customs revenue loss ^{1/}	\$0	\$360,000	\$375,000	\$375,000	\$375,000

^{1/} There is an existing duty suspension under HTS heading 9902.85.42 that expires on December 31, 2009. Therefore, there will be no customs revenue loss related to this bill for 2009.

Source of estimated dutiable import data: U.S. industry and Commission estimates.

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)		
Honeywell International, Inc. (Proponent) Art Simonetti, 202-662-2671	03/21/2008	No	No	No
Lexel Imaging Carol Simpson, 859-243-5500	03/24/2005	No	No	No
Teltron 610-582-9450	03/24/2005	No	No	No
Thomas Electronics 973-696-5200	03/24/2005	No	No	No
Video Display Corp. 770-938-2080	03/24/2005	No	No	No

Technical comments:⁴

None.

⁴ 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.

110TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 4976

To extend the temporary suspension of duty on certain cathode-ray tubes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 15, 2008

Mr. RAMSTAD 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
cathode-ray tubes.

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 CATHODE-RAY TUBES.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Heading 9902.85.42 of the Har-
5 monized Tariff Schedule of the United States (relating to
6 certain cathode-ray tubes) is amended by striking the date
7 in the effective period column and inserting “12/31/2011”.

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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