

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

**MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION
of the 111th Congress¹**

[Date approved: February 23, 2010]²

Bill No. and sponsor: S. 1889 (Mr. Robert Casey of Pennsylvania).

Proponent name,³ location: Tyco Fire & Security, Boca Raton, FL.

Other bills on product (111th Congress only): S. 2458.

Nature of bill: Extension of temporary duty suspension through December 31, 2011.⁴

Retroactive effect: No.

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

Liquid-filled glass bulbs designed for sprinkler systems and other release devices (provided for in subheading 7020.00.60).

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 subject goods are thermally-activated glass bulbs for use in building sprinkler systems. These bulbs are designed to break due to the expansion of the liquid inside when a certain temperature is reached, thereby releasing a flow of water through the sprinkler system. The proponent, Tyco Fire & Security, provides fire protection and suppression products and services to commercial and residential markets. U.S. competitors to Tyco include Viking Sprinkler, Reliable Sprinkler, and Globe Sprinkler. Primary sources of imports are Germany, England, and China. According to The American Fire Sprinkler Association and U.S. fire sprinkler producers, there are no known domestic producers of the subject glass bulbs.

¹ Industry analyst preparing report: Vincent DeSapio (202-205-3435); Tariff Affairs contact: Jan Summers (202-205-2605).

² Access to an electronic copy of this memorandum is available at http://www.usitc.gov/tariff_affairs/congress_reports/.

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

⁴ Heading 9902.24.26 expired on December 31, 2009.

Estimated effect on customs revenue for the subject product classifiable in HTS subheading : 7020.00.60

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Col. 1-General rate of duty	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports ^a	\$14,500,000	\$15,000,000	\$16,250,000	\$18,750,000	\$21,875,000
Customs revenue loss ^b	\$725,000	\$750,000	\$812,500	\$937,500	\$1,093,750

a/ Dutiable import estimates were provided by industry sources.

b/ At the request of Congress, customs revenue loss is provided for 5 years, although the effective period of the proposed legislation may differ.

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)		
Tyco Fire & Security (Proponent) Art Jones, 202-230-6911	11/12/2009	No	No	No
Viking Corporation Greg Griffin, 269-945-8242	11/16/2009	No	No	No
Globe Fire Sprinkler Corp. John Collins, 989-846-4583	11/16/2009	No	No	No
Reliable Automatic Fire Sprinkler Corp. Ron Van Dyck, 864-843-5227	11/16/2009	No	No	No
The American Fire Sprinkler Association Phillip Brown, 214-349-5965	11/16/2009	No	No	No

Technical comments:⁵

None.

⁵ 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.

111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1889

To extend the temporary duty suspension on glass bulbs, designed for
sprinkler systems and other release devices.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 26, 2009

Mr. CASEY introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred
to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

To extend the temporary duty suspension on glass bulbs,
designed for sprinkler systems and other release devices.

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 GLASS THERMO BULBS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Heading 9902.24.26 of the Har-
5 monized Tariff Schedule of the United States (relating
6 to glass bulbs, designed for sprinkler systems and other
7 release devices), is amended by striking “12/31/2009” and
8 inserting “12/31/2011”.

9 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
10 subsection (a) applies to goods entered, or withdrawn from

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

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