



## 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)):**

Mercury vapor lamps designed for use in video projectors (provided for in subheading 8539.32.00)

(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 mercury vapor lamps used in video projectors. Mercury vapor lamps are a type of high intensity discharge (HID) lamp. In mercury vapor lamps, light is created by an electric arc that passes through vaporized mercury and goes between two electrodes. Mercury vapor lamps are most commonly used in street lighting, but the subject products are used for video projectors. The principal sources of U.S. imports of the subject products are likely to be Belgium and China.

**IV. Estimated effect on customs revenue**

Table with 6 columns: Subject product HTS subheading(s), 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017. Rows include 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**

S. 2573 would replace the phrase "metal halide lamps" in the existing heading with the phrase "mercury vapor lamps." Such a change would more closely describe the products imported by the interested entity.

**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	Hitachi America, Ltd. (Interested entity) Doug Turbull	914-332-5800	No	No	No
	2	General Electric Co. Tim Richards	202-637-4407	No	No	No
	3	Lutron Electronics Co., Inc. Pekka Hakkarainen	610-282-6766	No	No	No
	4	OSRAM SYLVANIA Pamela Horner	978-750-2563	No	No	No
	5	Philips Electronics North America Corp. Randall B. Moorhead	202-962-8555	No	No	No

112TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# S. 2573

To extend and modify the temporary suspension of duty on metal halide lamps designed for use in video projectors.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 7, 2012

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

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## A BILL

To extend and modify the temporary suspension of duty on metal halide lamps designed for use in video projectors.

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 HALIDE LAMPS DESIGNED FOR USE IN**

4 **VIDEO PROJECTORS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Heading 9902.23.37 of the Har-  
6 monized Tariff Schedule of the United States (relating to  
7 metal halide lamps designed for use in video projectors)  
8 is amended—

1           (1) in the article description, by striking “Metal  
2           halide lamps” and inserting “Mercury vapor lamps”;  
3           and

4           (2) by striking the date in the effective period  
5           column and inserting “12/31/2015”.

6           (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
7           subsection (a) apply with respect to goods entered, or  
8           withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after  
9           the 15th day after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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