

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

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

[Date approved: September 28, 2006]²

Bill No. and sponsor: S. 3750 (Mrs. Dianne Feinstein of California).

Proponent name, location: Agilent Technologies, Palo Alto, CA.

Other bills on product (109th Congress only): S. 3111.³

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

Retroactive effect: None.

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

Printed circuit assemblies for instruments or apparatus for measuring or checking electrical quantities, such instruments or apparatus specially designed for telecommunications (provided for in subheading 9030.90.68).

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

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

The subject product is a printed circuit assembly used in instruments and apparatus that measure and check electrical quantities for telecommunications. Leading U.S. import suppliers of products classified in this HTS subheading include China, Germany, Japan, Malaysia, Singapore, and the United Kingdom.

¹ Industry analyst preparing report: Linda White (202-205-3427); 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 S. 3750 replaces S. 3111, which was introduced by Mrs. Dianne Feinstein of California on behalf of Agilent Technologies of Palo Alto, California.

Estimated effect on customs revenue:

HTS subheading: 9030.90.68					
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Col. 1-General rate of duty (AVE)	1.7%	1.7%	1.7%	1.7%	1.7%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$22,235,800	\$22,235,800	\$22,235,800	\$22,235,800	\$22,235,800
Customs revenue loss	\$378,009	\$378,009	\$378,009	\$378,009	\$378,009

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

Contacts with domestic firms/organizations (including the proponent):⁴

Name of firm/organization	Date contacted	Claim US makes same or competing product(s)?	Submission attached?	Opposition noted?
		(Yes/No)		
Agilent Technologies (Proponent) Mr. Robert Kyle, 202-637-5494	08/03/2006	No	No	No
American Electronics Association (AEA) Mr. John Palafoutas, 202-682-9110	08/16/2006	No	No	No
Christopher Associates Matthew Holzmann, 714-979-7500 ⁵	08/03/2006	No	Yes	Yes
ComSonics, Inc. Mr. Bret Harrison, 540-434-5965	08/15/2006	No	No	No
Test Products International, Inc. Mr. Joseph Covin, 503-520-9197	08/15/2006	No	No	No

Technical comments:⁶

It is suggested that the description be modified slightly as shown on page 1 for grammatical clarity; it is the finished instruments or apparatus, rather than the printed circuit assemblies, that are specially designed for telecommunications.

⁴ The Commission notes that Christopher Associates, Inc. filed a letter of objection directly with the Senate Finance Committee in response to the Committee's request for public comments on miscellaneous tariff bills. A copy of the letter is attached.

⁵ Submission was directed to Senate Committee on Finance.

⁶ 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
2D SESSION

S. 3750

To suspend temporarily the duty on certain printed circuit assemblies for measuring equipment for telecommunications.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 27 (legislative day, JULY 26), 2006

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

A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on certain printed circuit assemblies for measuring equipment for telecommunications.

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 PRINTED CIRCUIT ASSEMBLIES.**

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

“	9902.90.30	Printed circuit assemblies for instruments and apparatus for measuring or checking electrical quantities, specially designed for telecommunications (provided for in subheading 9030.90.68)	Free	No change	No change	On or before 12/31/2009	”.
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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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