

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

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

[Date approved: August 8, 2008]²

Bill No. and sponsor: H.R. 5213 (Ms. Ellen O. Tauscher of California).

Proponent name,³ location: Applied Materials, Inc., Santa Clara, CA.

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

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

Retroactive effect: None.

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

Plain shaft bearings having an overall height of 160 mm, each having a tube of fluoropolymer resins with an outside diameter of 165 mm mounted on an aluminum plate, such plate with a length of 230 mm, a width of 150 mm and a thickness of 12 mm (provided for in subheading 8483.30.80).

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:

This product is a plain shaft bearing mounted on an aluminum plate. The essential feature of the subject bearing is the anti-friction (i.e., plastic) tube in which the shaft turns. According to the proponent, these plain shaft bearings are imported primarily from China, Taiwan, and the European Union. Dutiable U.S. imports under HTS subheading 8483.30.80 (a broader category than is covered by this bill) totaled \$364 million in 2007, of which Japan accounted for \$97.2 million, Germany \$57.8 million, and China \$43.4 million in shipments. Taiwan ranked tenth among suppliers, at \$10.2 million in shipments.

¹ Industry analyst preparing report: Sam Easterly (202-205-3350); Tariff Affairs contact: Jan Summers (202-205-2605).

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

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

Estimated effect on customs revenue:

HTS subheading: 8483.30.80					
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Col. 1-General rate of duty	4.5%	4.5%	4.5%	4.5%	4.5%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
Customs revenue loss	\$6,750	\$6,750	\$6,750	\$6,750	\$6,750

Source of estimated dutiable import data: 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)		
Applied Materials (Proponent) Joe Pasetti, 202-638-4434, ext. 6	04/30/2008	No	No	No
Altra Industrial Motion, Inc. David Alley, <i>david.alley@altramotion.com</i>	06/05/2008	No	No	No
American Bearing Manufacturers Association Ben Petok, <i>bpetok@americanbearings.org</i>	06/05/2008	No	No	No
Applied Plastics Technology, Inc. John MacIntyre, <i>John.MacIntyre@ptfeparts.com</i>	06/05/2008	No	No	No
Corning, Inc. Debra Waggoner, <i>waggonerdl@corning.com</i>	06/06/2008	No	No	No
KLA-Tencor Corp. Meggan Powers, 408-875-3000	06/05/2008	No	No	No
National Electrical Manufacturers Association John Meakem, <i>john_meakem@nema.org</i>	06/06/2008	No	No	No
Nor-Cal Products, Inc. David Stone, <i>davidstone@n-c.com</i>	06/05/2008	No	No	No
Novellus Systems, Inc. Pushpita Prasad, <i>Pushpita.prasad@novellus.com</i>	06/05/2008	No	No	No
Qioptiq Imaging Solutions John Gebhardt, <i>john.gebhardt@ny.qioptiq.com</i>	06/06/2008	No	No	No
SAES Pure Gas, Inc. C. Landoni, <i>cristian_landoni@saes-group.com</i>	06/05/2008	No	No	No
Semiconductor Equipment and Materials, Intl. Ken Schramko, <i>kschramko@semi.org</i>	06/06/2008	No	No	No
3M Co. Megan Ivory, <i>mmivory@mmm.com</i>	06/09/2008	No	No	No

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		(Yes/No)		
W.L. Gore & Associates Mike Ratchford, <i>mratchfo@wlgore.com</i>	06/06/2008	No	No	No
Xandex, Inc. N. Manoochehri, <i>nmanoochehri@xandex.com</i>	06/05/2008	No	No	No

Technical comments:⁴

The article description should be amended as shown on page 1, in order to be more consistent with other tariff provisions. Customs may have difficulty administering this provision because the physical dimensions of the part are very specific and thus may be burdensome; because not every product of the type named may have exactly the specified dimensions, some goods of interest to the proponent may be excluded.

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. 5213

To suspend temporarily the duty on Mounting Fixture, 230 millimeters length
× 150 millimeters width × 12 millimeters thick.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 29, 2008

Mrs. TAUSCHER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on Mounting Fixture, 230
millimeters length × 150 millimeters width × 12 millime-
ters thick.

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. MOUNTING FIXTURE, 230 MILLIMETERS**
4 **LENGTH × 150 MILLIMETERS WIDTH × 12 MIL-**
5 **LIMETERS THICK.**

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:

“	9902.01.00	Mounting Fixture, 230 millimeters length × 150 millimeters width × 12 millimeters thick; Aluminum plate mounted to 165 millimeters outside diameter Teflon tube; Assembly height of 160 mm (provided for in subheading 8483.30.80)	Free	No change	No change	On or before 12/31/2011	”.
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1 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by
2 subsection (a) applies to articles entered, or withdrawn
3 from warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day
4 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

