



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/.
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)):

Color video cameras with 0.96 or more effective megapixels but not greater than 2.3 megapixels, with 720p or 1080p resolution and 540 TV line resolution, with optical zoom lens with a zoom range of 18X or more but not over 36X, with electronic image stabilization, capable of three-dimensional (3D) mode and with eight zone privacy masking (provided for in subheading 8525.80.30)

(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 video cameras intended for installation in a housing or on a mount, and are typically used for surveillance and not by consumers. The subject cameras are capable of capturing images with 0.96 or more megapixels but not more than 2.3 megapixels, and have optical zoom lenses with a zoom range equal to or greater than 18X but not greater than 36X. These cameras are capable of generating both high definition (720p or 1080p) images with sufficient light and standard definition (540 TV lines resolution) images with low light performance sensors. The covered cameras are capable of capturing images even when there are both very dark and very light areas simultaneously within the camera's range of view. Such cameras have electronic image stabilization and a 3D mode, whereby a 3-dimensional image is created by taking multiple pictures while moving the camera horizontally and then combining the pictures to give a 3-dimensional picture. These cameras also have eight-zone privacy masking; that is, up to eight areas within the image can be masked from viewing. Japan is the source of these imports.

IV. Estimated effect on customs revenue

Subject product HTS subheading(s)	8525.80.30				
Item	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Col.1-general rate of duty (%) or percentage point reduction	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1
Estimated value of <i>dutiable</i> imports (\$)	40,000,000	41,000,000	42,000,000	43,000,000	44,000,000
Customs revenue loss (\$)	840,000	861,000	882,000	903,000	924,000

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

The article description set forth above was modified for greater clarity and for consistency with other HTS provisions. The terms "low light performance sensors" and "wide dynamic range" were deleted because they were undefined in the bill as drafted and are likely not to be necessary to cover the goods 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) Paul Watkins	714-813-7950	No	No	No
	2	Bosch Security Systems, Inc. Catrione Bonenfant	585-678-3280	No	No	No
	3	LG Electronics, Inc. John Taylor	847-941-8181	No	No	No
	4	Panasonic Corp. Madeline Kuflik	201-392-4649	No	No	No
	5	Samsung Electronics America, Inc. John Godfrey	202-887-5667	No	No	No
	6	Sony Corp. of America Christina Mulvihill	202-429-3653	No	No	No

112TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 2572

To suspend temporarily the duty on certain wide-range high sensitivity zoom security cameras.

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

A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on certain wide-range high sensitivity zoom security cameras.

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 WIDE-RANGE HIGH SENSITIVITY**
4 **ZOOM SECURITY CAMERAS.**

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

“	9902.01.00	High definition (HD)720p or 1080p and standard definition (540 TV lines)zoom camera modules, the foregoing with 0.96 or more megapixel but not greater than 2.3 megapixel, standard definition low light performance sensors (540 TV lines resolution), optical zoom lenses from 18X to 36X zoom range, wide dynamic range, electronic image stabilization (EIS), 3D mode:8 zone Privacy Masking (provided for in subheading 8525.80.30)	Free	No change	No change	On or before 12/31/2015	”.
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1 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
 2 subsection (a) applies with respect to goods entered, or
 3 withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after
 4 the 15th day after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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