

Statement by Honeywell International Inc.
in support of
H.R. 5697 (introduced by Mr. Paulsen of Minnesota)

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Purpose of the legislation

To extend until 12/31/2015 the existing temporary suspension of duty on a certain ultraviolet dye, currently entering the United States under HTS# 9902.28.19

Description of the proponent

Honeywell (www.honeywell.com) is a U.S.\$38-billion Fortune 100 diversified technology and manufacturing leader, serving customers worldwide with aerospace products and services; control technologies for buildings, homes and industry; turbochargers; and specialty materials. Based in Morris Township, N.J., Honeywell's shares are traded on the New York, London, and Chicago Stock Exchanges. For more news and information on Honeywell, please visit www.honeywellnow.com.

Description of the product and its uses

Products containing deep ultraviolet dyes are used to reduce the amount of reflected light during the lithographic processing steps of advanced semiconductor circuit manufacturing. These products are inorganic polymers with the deep ultraviolet dyes incorporated in very small amounts, typically fewer than 3%.

Statement on the absence of U.S. manufacturing of the subject product

There continues to be no U.S. commercial production of the specific deep ultraviolet dye currently being imported and that is subject to Representative Paulsen's legislation. This compound has been specially designed and tested for a very specific and proprietary end process. Numerous similar and related compounds have been tested, but none in or outside the United States have been found that offer equivalent performance.

This was the case when this product was originally proposed and approved for suspension of duty in the 106th Congress (1999-2000), and when legislation to extend/renew the temporary suspension of duty on this product was proposed and enacted – as part of HR 1047, which became PL 108-429 – during the 107th and 108th Congresses (2001-2004). The existing suspension of duty on this product was again renewed, following the review and approval of several Executive Branch agencies and Congress, in the 109th Congress (as part of HR 6111,

which was signed by the President on December 20, 2006 and became Public Law 109-432). This suspension was last renewed in the 111th Congress (as part of HR 4380, which was signed by the President on August 11, 2010 and became Public Law 111-227).

Rationale for support of H.R. 5697

Honeywell supports renewal of the existing suspension of duty on this product since this particular product is not manufactured in the United States. As there is no American industry to protect, and additional US economic value is generated when this product is incorporated into further process steps performed at plants in the United States, it is neither necessary nor desirable for the United States to maintain a protective import tariff on this product.