
**DUTY FREE IMPORTATION OF LOOSE GLASS PRISMS
USED IN CHANDELIERS AND WALL BRACKETS**

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Mr. LONG, from the Committee on Finance,
submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H.R. 8656]

The Committee on Finance, to which was referred the bill (H.R. 8656), to amend the Tariff Schedules of the United States in order to provide for the duty-free importation of loose glass prisms used in chandeliers and wall brackets, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon without amendment and recommends that the bill do pass.

I. GENERAL STATEMENT

Your committee is informed that glass prisms for use in making crystal chandeliers are not available from domestic sources and the domestic lighting fixture industry is entirely dependent upon the importation of glass prisms for its production needs. Therefore, the elimination of the duty on loose glass prisms would lower raw material cost and improve the competitive position of domestic manufacturers of crystal chandeliers.

A favorable report was submitted by the Department of Commerce. A report from the Office of the Special Representative for Trade Negotiations contained no objections to the enactment of this legislation.

Public hearings were held by the Committee on Finance on August 24, 1976, on tax and tariff bills. During these hearings favorable testimony and written comments were received on H.R. 8656. No objections to this legislation have been received by the Committee from any source.

Your committee believes H.R. 8656 to be meritorious and unani-
mously urges its approval.

II. EXPLANATION OF THE BILL

H.R. 8656 as reported amends the Tariff Schedules of the United States (TSUS) by providing a separate classification for loose glass prisms used in chandeliers and wall brackets (new item 545.58) and providing for duty-free entry of imports so classified under column 1, the nondiscriminatory, or most-favored-nation, rate of duty. All other imports of prisms and other glass articles of a type used in chandeliers and wall brackets, and articles made therefrom, would remain dutiable at 12 percent *ad valorem* under column 1 (MFN rate of duty). Imports of loose glass prisms and other prisms and articles used in chandeliers and wall brackets would remain dutiable at 60 percent *ad valorem* under column 2 (non-MFN rate of duty). The amendments to the Tariff Schedules would become effective on the date of enactment.

III. COST OF CARRYING OUT THE BILL

In compliance with section 252(a) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1970, the following statement is made relative to the effect on the revenues of this bill. The enactment of H.R. 8656 would result in an annual customs revenue loss of \$60,000.

IV. VOTE OF COMMITTEE IN REPORTING THE BILL

In compliance with section 133 of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946, the following statement is made relative to the vote of the Committee on reporting this bill. This bill was ordered favorably reported by the Committee by voice vote.

V. CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW MADE BY THE BILL

In compliance with paragraph 4 of Rule XXIX of the Rules of the Senate, changes in existing law made by the bill, as reported, are shown as follows (existing law proposed to be omitted is enclosed in black brackets, new matter is printed in *italics*, existing law in which no change is proposed is shown in roman):

TARIFF SCHEDULES OF THE UNITED STATES

SCHEDULE 5.—NONMETALLIC MINERALS AND PRODUCTS

Item	Articles	Rates of Duty	
		1	2
PART 3.—GLASS AND GLASS PRODUCTS			
Subpart C.—Glassware and Other Glass Products			
545.57	<i>[Prisms and other glass articles of a type used in chandeliers and wall brackets, and articles made therefrom.</i>	<i>[12% ad val.]</i>	<i>[60% ad val.]</i>
	<i>Prisms and other glass articles of a type used in chandeliers and wall brackets, and articles made therefrom:</i>		
545.58	<i>Loose glass prisms used in chandeliers or wall brackets.</i>	<i>Free</i>	<i>60% ad val.</i>
545.59	<i>Other</i>	<i>12% ad val.</i>	<i>60% ad val.</i>