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The Honorable Philip Crane   June 5, 2002
Chairman
Committee on Ways and Means
Subcommittee on Trade
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chariman Crane:

Syngenta Corporation is pleased to provide the following comments regarding tariff relief bills
for products which our company imports.

We have previously provided to the ITC this information, plus considerably more detail,
including chemical names, CAS and HTS numbers, and estimated revenue impact.

Please let me know if you need additional information or more detail.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Comments for Duty Suspension/Reduction bills for products imported by Syngenta Corporation.

H.R. 4501 To suspend temporarily the duty on mixtures of fluazinam

Product: Fluazinam

Description: Fluazinam is the active ingredient used to manufacture Omega fungicide for control of plant diseases on peanuts and potatoes.

Use: Fungicides containing fluazinam are used to control plant diseases in peanuts and potatoes. Due to its unique chemistry and multi-site mode of action, fluazinam fits particularly well into resistance management programs. It has a favorable environmental profile, is not persistent and is of low solubility. It is unlikely to enter water or to harm non-target organisms.

Source of Manufacturing: Switzerland

There is no domestic production of this product.

H.R. 4502: To reduce temporarily the duty on Prodiamine Technical

Product: Prodiamine Technical

Description: Prodiamine technical is a herbicide active ingredient

Use: Prodiamine is the active ingredient in Barricade herbicide, used for vegetation management control in non-crop situations (roadsides, rights-of ways). Prodiamine is imported to Odom Industries in Mississippi, where it is formulated and packaged as Barricade.

Source of Manufacturing: Prodiamine is manufactured in Switzerland

There is no domestic production of this product.

H.R. 4498: To reduce temporarily the duty on R118118

Product: R118118

Description: R118118 is a chemical intermediate used in the manufacture of fomasafen herbicide at Syngenta's Cold Creek, AL manufacturing plant.

Use: Fomasafen is a herbicide used for selective postemergence broadleaf weed control in soybeans. It is formulated as Reflex herbicide, among other brand names. Postemergence herbicides fit well into integrated pest management (IPM) programs, since they can be applied after weeds emerge, allowing application only when and where weed problems exist.

Source of Manufacture: R118118 is manufactured in the United Kingdom

There is no domestic source of R118118.

H.R. 4496: To reduce temporarily the duty on NMSBA

Product: NMSBA

Description: NMSBA is an intermediate used in the manufacture of mesotrione herbicide at Syngenta's Cold Creek, AL manufacturing plant.

Use: Mesotrione is the active ingredient in the formulation of Callisto herbicide used for control of weeds in corn. It has a favorable toxicological and environmental profile and was registered by the EPA as a "reduced risk" product. It is in a relatively new class of chemistry, which provides an effective alternative to traditional herbicides currently used for broadleaf weed control in corn.

Source of Manufacture: NMSBA is imported from France and Sweden.

There is no domestic source of NMSBA.

H.R. 4493: To reduce temporarily the duty on Thiamethoxam

Product: Thiamethoxam

Description: Thiamethoxam is the active ingredient in Actara and Centric insecticides.

Use: Thiamethoxam is imported into Gowan Milling Company of Yuma, AZ for formulation into Actara and Centric insecticides. Thiamethoxam is a second generation neonicotinoid insecticide which possesses unique chemical properties which result in excellent control of many sucking and chewing pests.

Manufacture: Thiamethoxam is manufactured in Austria.

There is no domestic production of thiamethoxam.