#### UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20436

# MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION of the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress <sup>1</sup>

[Date approved: March 25, 2008]<sup>2</sup>

| Bill No. and sponsor: H.R. 4371 (Mr. Dan Burton of Indiana).  |
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| Proponent name, location: Dow AgroSciences, Indianapolis, IN.   |
| Other bills on product (110 <sup>th</sup> Congress only): None.   |
| Nature of bill: Extend temporary duty suspension through December 31, 2011.   |
| Retroactive effect: None.   |
| Suggested article description(s) for enactment (including appropriate HTS subheading(s)):   |
| 3-Amino-5-mercapto-1,2,4-triazole (CAS No. 16691–43–3) (provided for in subheading 2933.99.97).   |
| <ul> <li>Check one: X Same as that in bill as introduced.</li> <li>Different from that in bill as introduced (see Technical comments section).</li> </ul> |
| Product information, including uses/applications and source(s) of imports:  |

The subject product, which is imported from Japan and China, is an intermediate chemical that is used in the manufacture of flumetsulam technical:<sup>4</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Industry analyst preparing report: Jack Greenblatt (202-205-3353); Tariff Affairs contact: David Michels (202-205-3440).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Access to an electronic copy of this memorandum is available at <a href="http://www.usitc.gov/tata/hts/other/rel\_doc/bill\_reports/">http://www.usitc.gov/tata/hts/other/rel\_doc/bill\_reports/</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The sponsor/proponent did not identify any additional beneficiaries of this bill.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Flumetsulam technical is the active ingredient in Broadstrike\* and Hornet\* which are herbicides used on corn and soybeans.

#### **Estimated effect on customs revenue:**

| HTS subheading: <u>2933.99.97</u>       |           |           |           |           |           |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|   | 2009      | 2010      | 2011      | 2012      | 2013      |
| Col. 1-General rate of duty (AVE)       | 6.5%      | 6.5%      | 6.5%      | 6.5%      | 6.5%      |
| Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports | \$655,000 | \$655,000 | \$655,000 | \$655,000 | \$655,000 |
| Customs revenue loss 1/                 | \$0       | \$42,575  | \$42,575  | \$42,575  | \$42,575  |

<sup>1/</sup> The estimated customs revenue loss for 2009 reflects the existing duty suspension under HTS heading 9902.29.08 that expires on December 31, 2009.

Source of estimated dutiable import data: Industry estimates.

#### **Contacts with domestic firms/organizations (including the proponent):**

| Name of firm/organization   | Date<br>contacted | Claim US makes same or competing product(s)? | Submission attached? | Opposition noted? |
|---|-------------------|--|----------------------|-------------------|
|   |                   | (Yes/No)                                     |                      |                   |
| Dow AgroSciences (Proponent)<br>Max Turnipseed, 225-338-0310                              | 1/28/2008         | No   | No                   | No                |
| Arkema<br>Charles Kitchen, Fax: 215-419-7075  | 2/15/2008         | No   | No                   | No                |
| BASF Corp.<br>Greg Thies, 202-904-2332  | 2/15/2008         | No   | No                   | No                |
| Bayer Corporate Services<br>Karen Niedermeyer, 412-777-2058                               | 2/15/2008         | No   | No                   | No                |
| Bayer CropScience<br>Will Hensley, 202-756-3781<br>Jean Reimers, 202-756-3779             | 2/15/2008         | No   | No                   | No                |
| CropLife America<br>Isi Siddiqui, Fax: 202-463-0474<br>Lawrence Norton, Fax: 202-463-0474 | 2/15/2008         | No   | No                   | No                |
| Dupont<br>Elaine Olsen, 302-992-2263<br>Helen McMahon, Fax: 302-355-2994                  | 2/15/2008         | No   | No                   | No                |
| Emerald Performance Chemicals Tim Dirmyer, Fax:330-315-6480                               | 2/15/2008         | No   | No                   | No                |
| FMC Corp.<br>Jerry Prout, 202-956-5219  | 2/15/2008         | No   | No                   | No                |

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|   |                   | (Yes/No)                                     |                      |                   |
| LANXESS Corp.<br>Laura Pearson, 202-872-8181  | 2/15/2008         | No   | No                   | No                |
| Monsanto Corp.<br>Michael Parrish, Fax: 202-789-1867                                  | 2/15/2008         | No   | No                   | No                |
| Nufarm Ltd.<br>Joel Junker, Fax: 206-621-8220   | 2/15/2008         | No   | No                   | No                |
| Syngenta Crop Protection, Inc.<br>Angus Kelly, 202-347-7772                           | 2/08/2008         | No   | No                   | No                |
| Valent BioSciences Corp.<br>Robin Demouth, 925-256-2758<br>Jed D'Ercole, 202-835-0740 | 2/15/2008         | No   | No                   | No                |

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None.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> 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 1ST SESSION

## H. R. 4371

To extend the temporary suspension of duty on 3-Amino-5-mercapto-1,2,4-triazole.

#### IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 11, 2007

Mr. Burton of Indiana introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

### A BILL

To extend the temporary suspension of duty on 3-Amino-5-mercapto-1,2,4-triazole.

- 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. 3-AMINO-5-MERCAPTO-1,2,4-TRIAZOLE.
- 4 (a) In General.—Heading 9902.29.08 of the Har-
- 5 monized Tariff Schedule of the United States (relating to
- 6 3-Amino-5-mercapto-1,2,4-triazole) is amended by strik-
- 7 ing "12/31/2009" and inserting "12/31/2011".
- 8 (b) Effective Date.—The amendment made by
- 9 subsection (a) applies to goods entered, or withdrawn from

- 1 warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after
- 2 the date of the enactment of this Act.

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