

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

**MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION
of the 110th Congress¹**

[Date approved: June 2, 2008]²

Bill No. and sponsor: H.R. 4572 (Mr. Richard Baker of Louisiana).

Proponent name,³ location: Syngenta Crop Protection, Inc., Greensboro, NC.

Other bills on product (110th Congress only): None.

Nature of bill: Renewal of temporary duty suspension through December 31, 2011.

Retroactive effect: None.

Suggested article description(s) for enactment (including appropriate HTS subheading(s)):

2,4-Dinitro-N3,N3-dipropyl-4-(trifluoromethyl)-1,3-benzenediamine (Prodiamine) (CAS No. 29091-21-2) (provided for in subheading 2921.59.80).

Check one: ___ Same as that in bill as introduced.
 X Different from that in bill as introduced (see Technical comments section).

Product information, including uses/applications and source(s) of imports:

The subject organic chemical, Prodiamine Technical, is the active ingredient used in the manufacture of a proprietary herbicide that is used for vegetation management control. The subject chemical is imported from Switzerland.

Estimated effect on customs revenue:

HTS subheading: <u>2921.59.80</u>					
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Col. 1-General rate of duty					
Col. 1-General rate of duty	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$5,705,000	\$5,705,000	\$5,635,000	\$5,425,000	\$5,425,000
Customs revenue loss	\$370,825	\$370,825	\$366,275	\$352,625	\$352,625

Source of estimated dutiable import data: U.S. industry estimates.

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

¹ Industry analyst preparing report: Robert Randall (202-205-3366); Tariff Affairs contact: David Michels (202-205-3440).

² Access to an electronic copy of this memorandum is available at http://www.usitc.gov/tata/hts/other/rel_doc/bill_reports/.

³ The sponsor/proponent did not identify any additional beneficiaries of this bill.

Name of firm/organization	Date contacted	Claim US makes same or competing product(s)?	Submission attached?	Opposition noted?
Syngenta Crop Protection, Inc. (Proponent) Angus R. Kelly, III, 202-680-9245	3/7/2008	No	No	No
Arkema Charles A. Kitchen, Fax: 215-419-7075	3/20/2008	No	No	No
BASF Greg Thies, Fax: 202-558-5101	3/20/2008	No	No	No
Bayer William Hensley Jean Reimer, Fax: 202-737-8909	3/20/2008	No	No	No
Chemtura Corporation Matt Mattingley, Fax: 202-463-8498	3/20/2008	No	No	No
CropLife America Isi Siddiqui, Fax: 202-463-0474	3/20/2008	No	No	No
Dow Chemical/Dow AgroScience Lisa Schroeter, Fax: 202-429-3467 Max Turnipseed, Fax: 225-383-0590	3/20/2008	No	No	No
DuPont Helen McMahon, Fax: 302-355-2994	3/20/2008	No	No	No
Emerald Performance Chemicals Tom Dirmyer, Fax: 330-315-6480	3/20/2008	No	No	No
FMC Jerry Prout, Fax: 202-956-5235	3/20/2008	No	No	No
Gowan Company Cindy Baker, Fax: 928-373-1822 George L. Rolofson, Fax: 336-854-2772	3/20/2008	No	No	No
Monsanto Corp. Grant Erdel, Fax: 202-789-1867	3/20/2008	No	No	No
Nufarm Limited Joel R. Junker, Fax: 206-621-8220	3/20/2008	No	No	No
Valent USA Robin Demouth, Fax: 925-256-2776	3/20/2008	No	No	No

Technical comments:⁴

⁴ 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.

The Commission staff suggests that the article description on page 1 of this report be used in heading 9902.03.19 because it contains the correct chemical name.

110TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 4572

To extend the suspension of duty on Prodiamine.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 13, 2007

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

A BILL

To extend the suspension of duty on Prodiamine.

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. PRODIAMINE.**

4 Heading 9902.03.19 of the Harmonized Tariff
5 Schedule of the United States (relating to Prodiamine
6 (2,6-dinitro-N1, N1-dipropyl-4-(trifluoromethyl)-1,3-
7 benzenediamine) is amended by striking the date in the
8 effective period column and inserting “12/31/2011”.

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