

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

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

[Date approved: June 12, 2008]²

Bill No. and sponsor: H.R. 4980 (Mr. Jim Ramstad of Minnesota).

Proponent name,³ location: 3M Company, Decatur, AL.

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

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

Retroactive effect: None.

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

Fluoropolymers containing 95 percent or more by weight of the monomer units tetrafluoroethylene, hexafluoropropylene, and vinylidene fluoride (provided for in subheading 3904.69.50).

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

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

The subject product is a fluoropolymer powder that is produced from tetrafluoroethylene, hexafluoropropylene, and vinylidene fluoride monomers. End-users of the product manufacture flexible, chemically resistant tubes and protective coatings. The product is imported from Germany.

¹ Industry analyst preparing report: Andrew Gately (202-205-3437); 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.

Estimated effect on customs revenue:

| HTS subheading: 3904.69.50 | | | | | |
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| | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 |
| Col. 1-General rate of duty | 6.5% | 6.5% | 6.5% | 6.5% | 6.5% |
| Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports | \$3,300,000 | \$3,400,000 | \$3,500,000 | \$3,600,000 | \$3,700,000 |
| Customs revenue loss 1/ | \$0 | \$221,000 | \$227,500 | \$234,000 | \$240,500 |

1/ There is an existing duty suspension under HTS heading 9902.01.62 that expires on December 31, 2009. Therefore, there will be no customs revenue loss related to this bill in 2009.

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

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

| Name of firm/organization | Date contacted | Claim US makes same or competing product(s)? | Submission attached? | Opposition noted? |
|---|----------------|--|----------------------|-------------------|
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| 3M Company (Proponent) Megan Ivory, mmi Ivory@mmm.com | 04/18/2008 | No | No | No |
| Abbott Laboratories Elaine Leavenworth, Fax: 202-783-6631 | 04/21/2008 | No | No | No |
| American Chemistry Council Marty Durbin, Fax: 703-741-6097 | 04/21/2008 | No | No | No |
| BASF Greg Thies, Fax: 202-558-5101 | 04/21/2008 | No | No | No |
| Bayer Julie Van Egmund, Fax: 202-737-8909 Karen Niedermeyer, Fax: 412-777-4740 | 04/21/2008 | No | No | No |
| Biddle Sawyer William Thonack, Fax: 212-239-1089 | 04/21/2008 | No | No | No |
| Chemtura Matt Mattingley, Fax: 202-463-8497 Lloyd Moon, Fax: 203-573-2686 | 04/21/2008 | No | No | No |
| Ciba Specialty Chemicals Michelle Forte, Fax: 914-785-7831 Robert Hurley, Fax: 202-289-3588 | 04/21/2008 | No | No | No |
| Clariant Andrew Zamoyski, Fax: 202-248-9043 | 04/21/2008 | No | No | No |

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| Dow Chemical Lisa Schroeter, Fax: 202-429-3467 | 04/21/2008 | No | No | No |
| DuPont Helen McMahon, Fax: 302-355-2944 | 04/21/2008 | No | No | No |
| Eastman Chemical Gregg Riddle, griddle@eastman.com | 04/22/2008 | No | No | No |
| Emerald Performance Chemicals Tom Dirmyer, Fax: 330-315-6480 | 04/21/2008 | No | No | No |
| Glaxo SmithKline William Schuyler, Fax: 202-715-1001 | 04/21/2008 | No | No | No |
| Honeywell Art Simonetti, Fax: 202-662-2675 | 04/21/2008 | No | No | No |
| Lonza, Inc. Cheryl Prescott, Fax: 201-696-3558 | 04/21/2008 | No | No | No |
| Monsanto Grant Erdel, Fax: 202-789-1867 | 04/21/2008 | No | No | No |
| Perstorp Polyols Jeff Jones, Fax: 419-729-3291 | 04/21/2008 | No | No | No |
| Tennant Mary Heie, Fax: 763-513-1808 | 04/21/2008 | No | No | No |
| Total Specialty Chemicals, Inc. Tad Acker, Fax: 203-966-1505 | 04/21/2008 | No | No | No |
| Rhodia Dominick Cangiano, Fax: 609-860-2256 | 04/21/2008 | No | No | No |
| Solutia Kassie Wooton, Fax: 314-674-1585 | 04/21/2008 | No | No | No |
| Union Carbide Jim Murray, Fax: 202-347-1684 | 04/21/2008 | No | No | No |

Technical comments:⁴

None.

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.

110TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 4980

To extend the temporary suspension of duty on THV.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 15, 2008

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

A BILL

To extend the temporary suspension of duty on THV.

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. THV.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Heading 9902.01.62 of the Har-
5 monized Tariff Schedule of the United States (relating to
6 THV) is amended by striking the date in the effective pe-
7 riod column and inserting “12/31/2011”.

8 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
9 subsection (a) applies to goods entered, or withdrawn from
10 warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after
11 the date of the enactment of this Act.