# 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: August 26, 2008]<sup>2</sup>

Bill No. and sponsor: H.R. 5023 (Mrs. Ellen O. Tauscher of California).

**Proponent name,** location: Valent U.S.A. Corp., Walnut Creek, CA.

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)):

N-Methyl-N'-nitro-N"-[(tetrahydro-3-furanyl)methyl]guanidine (Dinotefuran) (CAS No. 165252-70-0) (provided for in subheading 2932.19.50).

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

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

The subject synthetic organic chemical is a neonicotinoid insecticide that provides residual control of silverleaf whiteflies, mealybugs, leafminers, fungus gnats, and scale, principally on greenhouse ornamentals. The product is imported from Japan.

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

| HTS subheading: <u>2932.19.50</u>       |           |             |             |             |             |  |  |  |  |
|---|-----------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--|--|--|--|
| $\bigvee$                               | 2009      | 2010        | 2011        | 2012        | 2013        |  |  |  |  |
| Col. 1-General rate of duty             | 3.7%      | 3.7%        | 3.7%        | 3.7%        | 3.7%        |  |  |  |  |
| Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports | \$965,000 | \$2,500,000 | \$2,500,000 | \$2,500,000 | \$1,800,000 |  |  |  |  |
| Customs revenue loss <u>1</u> /         | \$0       | \$92,500    | \$92,500    | \$92,500    | \$66,600    |  |  |  |  |

1/ There is an existing duty suspension under HTS heading 9902.24.30 that expires on December 31, 2009. Therefore, there will be no customs revenue loss related to this bill for 2009. Source of estimated dutiable import data: U.S. industry estimates.

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<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.

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

| Name of firm/organization             | Date contacted | Claim US<br>makes same or | Submission attached? | Opposition noted? |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
|                                       | contacted      | competing product(s)?     | attacheu.            | noteu.            |
|                                       |                |                           | (Yes/No)             |                   |
| Valent U.S.A. Corp. (Proponent)       | 5/15/2008      | No                        | No                   | No                |
| Brett Garson, brettg@sda-inc.com      |                |                           |                      |                   |
| Arkema Inc.                           | 5/15/2008      | No                        | No                   | No                |
| Charles A. Kitchen, Fax: 215-419-7075 |                |                           |                      |                   |
| BASF Corp.                            | 5/15/2008      | No                        | No                   | No                |
| Greg Thies, Fax: 202-558–5101         |                |                           |                      |                   |
| Bayer Crop Science                    | 5/15/2008      | No                        | No                   | No                |
| William Hensley, Fax: 202-737-8909    |                |                           |                      |                   |
| CropLife America                      | 5/15/2008      | No                        | No                   | No                |
| Isi Siddiqui, Fax: 202-463-0474       |                |                           |                      |                   |
| Dow Chemical Co.                      | 5/15/2008      | No                        | No                   | No                |
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| Max Turnipseed, Fax: 225-383-0590     |                |                           |                      |                   |
| DuPont                                | 5/15/2008      | No                        | No                   | No                |
| Helen McMahon, Fax: 302-355-2994      |                |                           |                      |                   |
| Emerald Performance Materials         | 5/15/2008      | No                        | No                   | No                |
| Tom Dirmyer, Fax: 330-315-6480        |                |                           |                      |                   |
| FMC                                   | 5/15/2008      | No                        | No                   | No                |
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| Gowan Company                         | 5/15/2008      | No                        | No                   | No                |
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| MG Group                              | 5/15/2008      | No                        | No                   | No                |
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| Monsanto Corp.                        | 5/15/2008      | No                        | No                   | No                |
| Grant Erdel, Fax: 202-789-1867        |                |                           |                      |                   |
| Nufarm Limited                        | 5/15/2008      | No                        | No                   | No                |
| Joel R. Junker, Fax: 206-621-8220     |                |                           |                      |                   |
| Syngenta Crop Protection, Inc.        | 5/15/2008      | No                        | No                   | No                |
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# **Technical comments:**<sup>4</sup>

None.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</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 2D SESSION

# H. R. 5023

To extend the temporary suspension of duty on Dinotefuran.

## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

January 16, 2008

Mrs. Tauscher introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

# A BILL

To extend the temporary suspension of duty on Dinotefuran.

- 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. DINOTEFURAN.
- 4 (a) In General.—Heading 9902.24.30 of the Har-
- 5 monized Tariff Schedule of the United States is amended
- 6 by striking "12/31/2009" and inserting "12/31/2011".
- 7 (b) Effective Date.—The amendment made by
- 8 subsection (a) applies with respect to goods entered, or
- 9 withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after
- 10 the 15th day after the date of the enactment of this Act.