#### 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: September 9, 2008]<sup>2</sup>

Bill No. and sponsor: H.R. 5224 (Mr. Jo Bonner of Alabama).

**Proponent name,** location: Evonik Industries, Parsippany, NJ.

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

**Nature of bill:** Temporary duty suspension through December 31, 2011.

Retroactive effect: None.

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

1,6-Dichlorohexane (CAS No. 2163-00-0) (provided for in subheading 2903.19.60).

**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 product is an organic post-vulcanization stabilizer for crosslinking agents that are used in the synthetic rubber industry. The product is imported from Germany.

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

HTS subheading: <u>2903.19.60</u>								
$\searrow$	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013			
Col. 1-General rate								
of duty	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%			
Estimated value								
dutiable imports	\$3,500,000	\$3,500,000	\$3,500,000	\$3,500,000	\$3,500,000			
Customs revenue								
loss	\$192,500	\$192,500	\$192,500	\$192,500	\$192,500			

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Industry analyst preparing report: Larry Johnson (202-205-3351); Tariff Affairs contact: Dave 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.

#### 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?	
		(Yes/No)			
Evonik Industries (Proponent) Ron Birnbaum, 973-541-8391	06/23/2008	No	No	No	
Abbott Laboratories Elaine Leavenworth, Fax: 202-783-6631	06/23/2008	No	No	No	
American Chemistry Council Marty Durbin, Fax: 703-741-6097	06/23/2008	No	No	No	
Biddle Sawyer William Thonack, Fax: 212-239-1089	06/23/2008	No	No	No	
Ciba Specialty Chemicals John Deming, Fax: 302-479-5152	06/23/2008	No	No	No	
Clariant Corporation Andrew Zamoyski, Fax: 401-823-2700	06/23/2008	No	No	No	
Eastman Chemical Greg Riddle, Fax: 703-524-7707	06/23/2008	No	No	No	
Honeywell International Art Simonetti, Fax: 202-662-2675	06/23/2008	No	No	No	
Rhein Chemie Corporation Robert Leo, robert.leo@mscustoms.com	06/23/2008	No	No	No	
Rhodia Inc. Dominick Cangiano, Fax: 609-860-1841	06/23/2008	No	No	No	
Solutia Sue Cannon, Fax: 314-674-1585 Dan Jenkins, Fax: 314-674-1585	06/23/2008	No	No	No	
Uniroyal Lloyd Moon, Fax: 203-573-4430	06/23/2008	No	No	No	

#### **Technical comments:**<sup>4</sup>

The Commission staff recommends that the article description on page 1 of this report be used in the proposed new heading in order to provide a simplified chemical name.

<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.

## H. R. 5224

To suspend temporarily the duty on Hexane, 1,6-dichloro-.

#### IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

February 6, 2008

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

### A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on Hexane, 1,6-dichloro-

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, SECTION 1. HEXANE, 1,6-DICHLORO-.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 99 of

5 the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States is

6 amended by inserting in numerical sequence the following

7 new heading:

"	9902.01.00	Hexane, 1,6-dichloro- (CAS No. 2163–00–0) (provided for in subheading					
		2903.19.60)	Free	No change	No change	On or before 12/31/2011	".

- 1 (b) Effective Date.—The amendment made by
- 2 subsection (a) applies to goods entered, or withdrawn from
- 3 warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after

4 the date of the enactment of this Act.

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