

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

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

[Date approved: March 27, 2008]²

Bill No. and sponsor: H.R. 4378 (Mr. Dan Burton of Indiana).

Proponent name,³ location: Dow AgroSciences, Indianapolis, IN.

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

Nature of bill: Change from temporary duty suspension to temporary duty reduction and extension through December 31, 2011.

Retroactive effect: None.

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

2,2-Dithiobis(8-fluoro-5-methoxy)-1,2,4-triazolo[1,5-c]pyrimidine (CAS No. 166524-74-9) (provided for in subheading 2933.59.95).

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 synthetic organic chemical that is used as a raw ingredient in the production of a herbicide for wheat, barley, and oats. The product is imported from the United Kingdom.

¹ Industry analyst preparing report: Philip Stone (202-205-3424); 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: 2933.59.95					
	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	\$7,000,000	\$9,200,000	\$9,200,000	\$9,200,000	\$9,200,000
Customs revenue loss 1/ 2/	\$0	\$506,000	\$506,000	\$506,000	\$506,000

1/ The estimated customs revenue loss is based on a temporary reduction of the general rate of duty from 6.5 percent ad valorem to 1 percent ad valorem, a reduction of 5.5 percentage points.

2/ There is an existing duty suspension under HTS heading 9902.33.92 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?
		(Yes/No)		
Dow AgroSciences (Proponent) Max Turnipseed, 225-383-0590	02/12/2008	No	No	No
Arkema Inc. (Atofina) Charles Kitchen, Fax: 215-419-7075	02/12/2008	No	No	No
BASF Greg Thies, Fax: 703-255-7142	02/12/2008	No	No	No
Bayer CropScience Jean Riemer, 202-737-8909	02/12/2008	No	No	No
Chemtura Corporation Matt Mattingley, Fax: 202-463-8498	02/12/2008	No	No	No
CropLife America Isi Siddiqui, Fax: 202-463-0474	02/12/2008	No	No	No
DuPont Helen McMahon, Fax: 302-355-2994	02/12/2008	No	No	No
Emerald Performance Chemicals Tom Dirmyer, Fax: 330-315-6480	02/12/2008	No	No	No
FMC Corp. Jerry Prout, Fax: 202-956-5235	02/12/2008	No	No	No

Name of firm/organization	Date contacted	Claim US makes same or competing product(s)?	Submission attached?	Opposition noted?
		(Yes/No)		
Monsanto Corp. Grant Erdel, Fax: 202-789-1867	02/12/2008	No	No	No
Nufarm Limited Joel R. Junker, Fax: 206-621-8220	02/12/2008	No	No	No
Syngenta Crop Protection, Inc. Angus Kelly, Fax: 336-632-6084	02/12/2008	No	No	No
Valent USA Robin Demouth, Fax: 925-256-2776	02/12/2008	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
1ST SESSION

H. R. 4378

To extend the temporary suspension of duty on DMDS.

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 DMDS.

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. DMDS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Heading 9902.33.92 of the Har-
5 monized Tariff Schedule of the United States (relating to
6 2,2-Dithiobis(8-fluoro-5-methoxy)-1,2,4-triazolo[1,5-
7 c]pyrimidine) is amended—

8 (1) by striking “Free” and inserting “1%”; and

9 (2) by striking “12/31/2009” and inserting
10 “12/31/2011”.

1 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by
2 subsection (a) shall take effect on January 1, 2010.

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