

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: March 27, 2008]<sup>2</sup>

**Bill No. and sponsor:** H.R. 4401 (Mr. Dan Burton of Indiana).

**Proponent name,<sup>3</sup> location:** Dow Chemical Company, Midland, MI.

**Other bills on product (110<sup>th</sup> 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)):**

2-Propenoic acid, polymer with diethenylbenzene (CAS No. 9052-45-3) (provided for in subheading 3914.00.60).

**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 product is a macroporous weak acid cation exchange resin that is used for water softening, dealkalization, and demineralization applications. The proponent imports this product from its affiliate in Italy.

**Estimated effect on customs revenue:**

HTS subheading: <u>3914.00.60</u>					
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
<del>Col. 1-General rate of duty (AVE)</del>					
Col. 1-General rate of duty (AVE)	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$625,000	\$630,000	\$635,000	\$640,000	\$645,000
Customs revenue loss 1/	\$0	\$24,570	\$24,765	\$24,960	\$25,155

1/ There is an existing duty suspension under HTS heading 9902.02.95 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: Commission and U.S. industry estimates.

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

<sup>1</sup> Industry analyst preparing report: Ray Cantrell (202-205-3362); Tariff Affairs contact: David Michels (202-205-3440).

<sup>2</sup> Access to an electronic copy of this memorandum is available at [http://www.usitc.gov/tata/hts/other/rel\\_doc/bill\\_reports/](http://www.usitc.gov/tata/hts/other/rel_doc/bill_reports/).

<sup>3</sup> 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?
			(Yes/No)	
Dow Chemical Company (Proponent) Max Turnipseed, 225-338-0310	01/29/2008	No	No	No
Bayer Corporation Karen Niedermeyer, 412-777-2058	02/14/2008	No	No	No
Efficient Global Trade, Incorporated Henry Stoebenau, 215-628-4919	02/14/2008	No	No	No
LANXESS Corporation Jamie Schaeffer, 412-809-3666	02/14/2008	No	No	No
The Purolite Company Don Brodie, 610-668-9090	02/14/2008	No	No	No

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

None.

<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  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 4401

To extend the temporary suspension of duty on 2-Propenoic acid, polymer.

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## 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

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## A BILL

To extend the temporary suspension of duty on 2-Propenoic acid, polymer.

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. 2-PROPENOIC ACID, POLYMER.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Heading 9902.02.95 of the Har-  
5 monized Tariff Schedule of the United States (relating to  
6 2-Propenoic acid, polymer) is amended by striking the  
7 date in the effective period column and inserting “12/31/  
8 2011”.

9 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
10 subsection (a) applies to goods entered, or withdrawn from

- 1 warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after
- 2 the date of the enactment of this Act.

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