

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

**MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION
of the 110th Congress ¹**

[Date approved: June 2, 2008]²

Bill No. and sponsor: H.R. 4646 (Mr. Gene Green of Texas).

Proponent name,³ location: Rhodia Inc., Cranbury, NJ.

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)):

Pigment preparations based on cerium sulfide or mixtures of cerium sulfide and lanthanum sulfide (provided for in subheading 3206.49.60).

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 used as a pigment to color plastics. It is imported from France.

Estimated effect on customs revenue:

HTS subheading: <u>3206.49.60</u>					
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Col. 1-General rate of duty					
Col. 1-General rate of duty	3.1%	3.1%	3.1%	3.1%	3.1%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Customs revenue loss 1/	\$0	\$31,000	\$31,000	\$31,000	\$31,000

1/ There is an existing duty suspension under HTS heading 9902.22.90 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.

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

¹ Industry analyst preparing report: Jack Greenblatt (202-205-3353); 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.

Name of firm/organization	Date contacted	Claim US makes same or competing product(s)?	Submission attached?	Opposition noted?
		(Yes/No)		
Rhodia Inc. (Proponent) Rick Valentine, 202-661-3802	3/10/2008	No	No	No
Chevron Mining Inc. (Molycorp Inc.) John Benfield, Fax: 760-856-2344	3/31/2008	No	No	No
Grand Northern Products JoAnn Kidd, Fax: 616-583-9061	3/31/2008	No	No	No
Johnson Matthey Robert Talley, Fax: 610-971-3022	3/27/2008	No	No	No
W.R. Grace Christy Stokrp, Fax: 410-531-8888	3/31/2008	No	No	No

Technical comments:⁴

The Commission staff suggests that the article description on page 1 of this report be used in heading 9902.22.90 to clarify the existing article description.

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. 4646

To extend the temporary suspension of duty on cerium sulfide pigments.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 13, 2007

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

To extend the temporary suspension of duty on cerium sulfide pigments.

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. CERIUM SULFIDE PIGMENTS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Heading 9902.22.90 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.