

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

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

[Date approved: May 23, 2008]²

Bill No. and sponsor: H.R. 4925 (Mr. John M. Spratt Jr. of South Carolina).

Proponent name,³ location: Elgin Fine Chemicals, Elgin, SC.

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)):

Fluorobenzene (CAS No. 462-06-6) (provided for in subheading 2903.69.80).

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, a synthetic organic chemical, is used to produce an agricultural intermediate, which is further processed into an insecticide. It is imported from China and India.

Estimated effect on customs revenue:

HTS subheading: <u>2903.69.80</u>					
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Col. 1-General rate of duty					
Col. 1-General rate of duty	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
Customs revenue loss 1/	\$0	\$33,000	\$33,000	\$33,000	\$33,000

1/ There is an existing duty suspension under HTS heading 9902.03.05 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.

¹ Industry analyst preparing report: Andrew Gately (202-205-3437); 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 identified one additional beneficiary of this bill. USITC staff sent an inquiry to the named beneficiary, which did not respond.

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?
Elgin Fine Chemicals (Proponent) Andrew Zamoyski, Fax: 202-248-9043	04/08/2008 04/14/2008	No	No	No
Archema Inc. Charles A. Kitchen, Fax: 215-419-7075	04/10/2008	No	No	No
BASF Corp. Greg Thies, Fax: 202-558-5101	04/10/2008	No	No	No
Bayer Williams Hensley, Fax: 202-737-8909 Jean Reimer, Fax: 202-737-8909	04/10/2008	No	No	No
Chemtura Corporation Matt Mattingley, Fax: 202-463-8498	04/10/2008	No	No	No
CropLife America Isi Siddiqui, Fax: 202-463-0474	04/10/2008	No	No	No
Dow Chemical/Dow AgroScience Max Turnipseed, Fax: 225-383-0590 Lisa Schroeter, Fax: 202-429-3467	04/10/2008	No	No	No
DuPont Helen McMahon, Fax: 302-355-2994	04/10/2008	No	No	No
Emerald Performance Chemicals Tom Dirmyer, Fax: 330-315-6480	04/10/2008	No	No	No
FMC Jerry Prout, Fax: 202-956-5235	04/10/2008	No	No	No
Gowan Company George L. Rolofson, Fax: 336-854-2772 Cindy Baker, Fax: 928-373-1822	04/10/2008	No	No	No
Monsanto Corp. Grant Erdel, Fax: 202-789-1867	04/10/2008	No	No	No
Nufarm Limited Joel R. Junker, Fax: 206-621-8220	04/10/2004	No	No	No
PHT International Anita Hill, 704-246-3480	04/11/2008	No	No	No
Syngenta Crop Protection, Inc. Mike Blythe, Fax: 336-632-6084 Angus Kelly, Fax: 336-632-6084	04/10/2008	No	No	No

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(Yes/No)				
Valent USA Robin Demouth, Fax: 925-256-2776	04/10/2008	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. 4925

To extend the temporary suspension of duty on Fluorobenzene.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 19, 2007

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

A BILL

To extend the temporary suspension of duty on
Fluorobenzene.

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. FLUOROBENZENE.**

4 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Heading 9902.03.05 of the Har-
5 monized Tariff Schedule of the United States (relating to
6 Fluorobenzene) is amended by striking the date in the ef-
7 fective period column and inserting “12/31/2011”.

8 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by
9 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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