

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

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

[Date approved: June 13, 2008]²

Bill No. and sponsor: H.R. 4967 (Mrs. Sue Myrick of North Carolina).

Proponent name,³ location: Clariant Corporation, Mount Holly, NC.

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)):

Petroleum sulfonic acids, sodium salts (CAS No. 68608-26-4) (provided for in subheading 3402.11.50).

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 products are anionic surface-active agents that are used in liquid cleaning products such as laundry and dish detergents and household cleaners. They are imported from the Netherlands.

Estimated effect on customs revenue:

HTS subheading: 3402.11.50					
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Col. 1-General rate of duty					
Col. 1-General rate of duty	3.7%	3.7%	3.7%	3.7%	3.7%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000
Customs revenue loss 1/	\$0	\$185,000	\$185,000	\$185,000	\$185,000

1/ There is an existing duty suspension under HTS heading 9902.34.01 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: L. Johnson (202-205-3351); Tariff Affairs contact: D. 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.

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)	
Clariant Corporation (Proponent) Andrew Zamoyski, 202-415-9159	04/04/2008	No	No	No
Aldrich Chemical Co. Cynthia Hening, Fax: 414-287-4059	04/04/2008	No	No	No
Firmenich Inc. Laura Heybur, Fax: 609-452-8063	04/04/2008	No	No	No
Givaudian-Roure Corp. Diane Koenig, Fax: 973-448-6532	04/04/2008	No	No	No
International Flavors and Fragrances Tom Kinlin, Fax: 732-335-2244	04/04/2008	No	No	No
Koch Industries Ron Osman, Fax: 361-242-8353	04/04/2008	No	No	No
Noveon Tom Dirmyer, Fax: 216-447-5720	04/04/2008	No	No	No
Penta Manufacturing Co. George Volpe, Fax: 973-740-1839	04/04/2008	No	No	No
Shell Oil Products US Carla Herron, Fax: 713-241-1427	04/04/2008	No	No	No
Soap and Detergent Association Marketing Manager, Fax: 202-347-4110	04/04/2008	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
2D SESSION

H. R. 4967

To extend the temporary suspension of duty on sodium petroleum sulfonic acids, sodium salts.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 15, 2008

Mrs. MYRICK introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

To extend the temporary suspension of duty on sodium petroleum sulfonic acids, sodium salts.

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. SODIUM PETROLEUM SULFONIC ACIDS, SO-**
4 **DIUM SALTS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Heading 9902.34.01 of the Har-
6 monized Tariff Schedule of the United States (relating to
7 sodium petroleum sulfonic acids, sodium salts) is amended
8 by striking “12/31/2009” and inserting “12/31/2011”.

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

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

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