

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

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

[Date approved: June 13, 2008]²

Bill No. and sponsor: H.R. 4969 (Mrs. Sue Myrick of North Carolina).

Proponent name,³ location: Chemtura Corp., Middlebury, CT.

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

Nature of bill: Temporary duty suspension through December 31, 2011.

Retroactive effect: None.

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

1,2-Dihydropyridazine-3,6-dione (Maleic hydrazide) (CAS No. 123-33-1) (provided for in subheading 2933.99.97).

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 an organic chemical that is used as a plant growth regulator primarily in potato and onion crops. It is also used on tobacco crops to prevent sucker development. The product is imported from Taiwan.

Estimated effect on customs revenue:

HTS subheading: 2933.99.97					
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Col. 1-General rate of duty					
Col. 1-General rate of duty	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000
Customs revenue loss	\$195,000	\$195,000	\$195,000	\$195,000	\$195,000

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)	
Chemtura Corp. (Proponent) Matt Mattingley, Fax: 202-463-8497	04/04/2008	No	No	No
Bayer MaterialScience Karen Niedermeyer, Fax: 412-777-4740	04/04/2008	No	No	No
Eastman Chemical Company Greg Riddle, Fax: 212-835-1621	04/04/2008	No	No	No
GlaxoSmithKline William Schuyler, Fax: 202-715-1001	04/04/2008	No	No	No
Lonza, Inc. Cheryl Prescott, Fax: 201-696-3558	04/04/2008	No	No	No
Monsanto Grant Erdel, Fax: 202-789-1867	04/04/2008	No	No	No
Perstorp Polyols, Inc. Jeff Jones, Fax: 419-729-3291	04/04/2008	No	No	No
Tennant Company Ellie Lundberg, Fax: 763-540-1305	04/04/2008	No	No	No
Total Specialty Chemicals, Inc. Tad Acker, Fax: 203-966-1505	04/04/2008	No	No	No
Union Carbide Jim Murray, Fax: 202-347-1684	04/04/2008	No	No	No

Technical comments:⁴

The Commission staff suggests that the article description on page 1 of this report be used in the proposed new heading in order to provide the common chemical name after the IUPAC chemical name.

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. 4969

To suspend temporarily the duty on Maleic Hydrazide Technical.

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 suspend temporarily the duty on Maleic Hydrazide
Technical.

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. MALEIC HYDRAZIDE TECHNICAL.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 99 of
5 the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States is
6 amended by inserting in numerical sequence the following
7 new heading:

“	9902.01.00	1,2-dihydropyridazine-3,6- dione (CAS No. 123-33-1) (provided for in subheading 2933.99.97)	Free	No change	No change	On or before 12/31/2011	”.
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1 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
2 subsection (a) applies to articles entered, or withdrawn
3 from warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day
4 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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