

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: July 11, 2008]<sup>2</sup>

**Bill No. and sponsor:** H.R. 4999 (Mr. Randy Neugebauer of Texas).

**Proponent name,<sup>3</sup> location:** Bayer CropScience, Research Triangle Park, NC.

**Other bills on product (110<sup>th</sup> Congress only):** None.

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

**Retroactive effect:** None.

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

Methyl 2-[(4,6-dimethoxypyrimidin-2-ylcarbamoyl)sulfamoyl]- $\alpha$ -(methanesulfonamido)-*p*-toluate (Mesosulfuron-methyl) (CAS No. 208465-21-8) whether or not mixed with application adjuvants (provided for in subheading 2935.00.75 or 3808.93.15).

**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 organic herbicides that provide control of ryegrass, wild oats, other grasses, and broadleaf weeds to wheat growers. The products are imported from Germany.

**Estimated effect on customs revenue:**

<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 identified one additional beneficiary of this bill. USITC staff sent an inquiry to the named beneficiary and received a response from the beneficiary. The beneficiary submitted a written representation that it would benefit from this bill.

<b>Total Estimated Revenue Loss for this Bill</b>					
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Customs revenue loss <u>1/</u>	\$0	\$422,500	\$455,000	\$487,500	\$497,250

1/ There is an existing duty suspension under HTS heading 9902.11.48 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: Commission and U.S. industry estimates.

<b>HTS subheading: <u>2935.00.75</u></b>					
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Col. 1-General rate of duty	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%
Estimated value <b>dutiable</b> imports <u>1/</u>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Customs revenue loss	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

1/ The proponent does not expect to import the active ingredient, but a contract formulator may occasionally import the active ingredient.

Source of estimated dutiable import data: Commission and U.S. industry estimates.

<b>HTS subheading: <u>3808.93.15</u></b>					
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Col. 1-General rate of duty	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%
Estimated value <b>dutiable</b> imports	\$6,000,000	\$6,500,000	\$7,000,000	\$7,500,000	\$7,650,000
Customs revenue loss <u>1/</u>	\$0	\$422,500	\$455,000	\$487,500	\$497,250

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Source of estimated dutiable import data: Commission and U.S. industry estimates.

**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)		
Bayer CropScience (Proponent) Mike Gill, 202-508-8843 Will Hensley, 202-756-3781 Karen Niedermeyer, 412-777-2058 Jean Reimers, 202-756-3779	05/23/2005	No	No	No
Arkema, Inc. Charles Kitchen, 215-419-7615	05/19/2008	No	No	No
BASF Corporation Gregory A. Thies, gregory.thies@basf.com	05/24/2008	No	No	No
CropLife America Isi Siddiqui, 202-833-4474 Jay Vroom, 202-296-1585, ext. 850	05/24/2008	No	No	No
Dow Chemical Company Lisa Schroeter, 202-429-3400 Max Turnipseed, 225-338-0310	05/24/2008	No	No	No
DuPont Helen McMahon, 302-992-2263 Elaine Olsen, 302-992-2263	05/24/2008	No	No	No
FMC Corporation Gerald R. Prout, 202-956-5200	05/24/2008	No	No	No
LANXESS Corporation Jamie Schaeffer, 412-809-3666	05/24/2008	No	No	No
Makhteshim Agan of North America, Inc. John Rabby, jrabby@manainc.com Scott Rawlins, 443-762-5377	05/24/2008	No	No	No
Monsanto Company Michael Parrish, 202-783-2460	05/24/2008	No	No	No
Syngenta Crop Protection, Inc. Anne Burt, 202-628-2372 Angus Kelly, 202-347-7772	05/26/2008	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  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 4999

To extend the temporary suspension of duty on Mesosulfuronmethyl.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 16, 2008

Mr. NEUGEBAUER 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  
Mesosulfuronmethyl.

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. MESOSULFUROMETHYL.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Heading 9902.11.48 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.