

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

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

[Date approved: August 26, 2008]²

Bill No. and sponsor: H.R. 5185 (Mrs. Carolyn B. Maloney of New York).

Proponent name,³ location: Mitsui & Co. (USA), Inc., New York, NY.

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)):

Polytetramethylene ether glycol (tetrahydro-3-methylfuran, polymer with tetrahydrofuran) (CAS No. 38640-26-5) (provided for in subheading 3907.20.00).

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 is a specialty polytetramethylene ether glycol copolymer that is known generically in the industry as PTMEG. This polymer may be further synthesized to form polyurethane resins. These products are used in making optical fiber coatings for underground and undersea applications because they provide maximum flexibility under extreme conditions of temperature and other harsh environments. The subject product is imported from Japan.

¹ Industry analyst preparing report: Ray Cantrell (202-205-3362); 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.

Estimated effect on customs revenue:

HTS subheading: 3907.20.00					
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Col. 1-General rate of duty	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,100,000	\$2,200,000	\$2,500,000
Customs revenue loss 1/	\$0	\$130,000	\$136,500	\$143,000	\$162,500

1/ There is an existing duty suspension under HTS heading 9902.02.98 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.

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)		
Mitsui & Co. (USA), Inc. (Proponent) D. Kojima, 212-878-4442 Max Turnipseed, 225-338-0310	05/07/2008	No	No	No
Bayer MaterialScience LLC Julie Van Egmond, 202-756-3773 Karen Niedermeyer, 412-777-2058	05/07/2008	No	No	No
Dow Chemical Company Lisa Schroeter, 202-429-3400	05/07/2008	No	No	No
DuPont Elaine Olsen, 302-992-2263 Helen McMahon, 302-992-2263	05/07/2008	No	No	No
LANXESS Corporation Jamie Schaeffer, 412-809-3666	05/07/2008	No	No	No
Lyondell Chemical Company Ted Gormanos, 713-309-2349	05/07/2008	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. 5185

To extend the temporary suspension of duty on polytetramethylene ether glycol.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 29, 2008

Mrs. MALONEY of New York introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

To extend the temporary suspension of duty on polytetramethylene ether glycol.

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. POLYTETRAMETHYLENE ETHER GLYCOL.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Heading 9902.02.98 of the Har-
5 monized Tariff Schedule of the United States (relating to
6 polytetramethylene ether glycol) is amended by striking
7 “12/31/2009” 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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