

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

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

[Date approved: August 25, 2008]²

Bill No. and sponsor: H.R. 5289 (Mr. Mike Ferguson of New Jersey).

Proponent name,³ location: Honeywell International, Inc., Morristown, N.J.

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)):

Ammonium bifluoride (CAS No. 1341-49-7) (provided for in subheading 2826.19.10)

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 used as a stripper in metal applications to remove impurities; as a surface treatment agent in the etching of glass; as a softener in oil-drilling and as an aid to provide surface protection. The subject product is imported from Germany.

Estimated effect on customs revenue:

HTS subheading: <u>2826.19.10</u>					
 	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Col. 1-General rate of duty	3.1%	3.1%	3.1%	3.1%	3.1%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$875,000	\$875,000	\$875,000	\$875,000	\$875,000
Customs revenue loss 1/	\$0	\$27,125	\$27,125	\$27,125	\$27,125

1/ There is an existing duty suspension under HTS heading 9902.28.20 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: U.S. industry estimates.

Contacts with domestic firms/organizations (including the proponent):

¹ Industry analyst preparing report: Jack Greenblatt (202-205-3353); 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.

Name of firm/organization	Date contacted	Claim US makes same or competing product(s)?	Submission attached?	Opposition noted?
		(Yes/No)		
Honeywell International, Inc. (Proponent) Art Simonetti, 202-662-2671	05/22/2008	No	No	No
Atotech USA, Inc. Mark Steele, 803-817-3500	05/29/2008	No	No	No
General Chemicals Jim Imbriaco, 973-884-6952	05/29/2008	No	No	No
LANXESS Corporation Steve Ziehm, 202-872-8181	05/29/2008	No	No	No
Solvay Chemicals Mark Looney, 713-525-6588	05/29/2008	No	Yes	Yes
Tyco Healthcare/Mallinckrot Kathleen Powers, 314-654-63333	05/29/2008	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. 5289

To extend the temporary suspension of duty on ammonium bifluoride.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 7, 2008

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

A BILL

To extend the temporary suspension of duty on ammonium
bifluoride.

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. AMMONIUM BIFLUORIDE.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Heading 9902.28.20 of the Har-
5 monized Tariff Schedule of the United States (relating to
6 Ammonium bifluoride) is amended by striking “12/31/
7 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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