

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: May 14, 2008]<sup>2</sup>

**Bill No. and sponsor:** H.R. 4517 (Ms. Deborah Pryce of Ohio).

**Proponent name,<sup>3</sup> location:** Tosoh America, Inc., Grove City, OH.

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

**Nature of bill:** Temporary duty suspension through December 31, 2010.

**Retroactive effect:** None.

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

4-Vinylbenzenesulfonic acid, sodium salt hydrate (CAS No. 2695-37-6) (provided for in subheading 2904.10.37).

**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 synthetic organic chemical that is used as a monomer in the production of water-soluble polymers in such end-use applications as boiler water treatment, emulsifiers, scale inhibitors, and antistatic agents. The product is imported from Japan.

**Estimated effect on customs revenue:**

HTS subheading: <u>2904.10.37</u>					
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
<del>Col. 1-General rate of duty</del>					
Col. 1-General rate of duty	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$1,631,812	\$1,864,182	\$1,981,558	\$2,080,636	\$2,184,668
Customs revenue loss	\$89,750	\$102,530	\$108,986	\$114,435	\$120,157

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

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

<sup>1</sup> Industry analyst preparing report: Robert Randall (202-205-3366); 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 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)		
Tosoh America, Inc. (Proponent) Cynthia Hohenstein, 866-844-6953	3/10/2008	No	No	No
Abbott Laboratories Elaine Leavenworth, Fax: 202-783-6631	3/7/2008	No	No	No
American Chemistry Council Marty Durbin, Fax: 703-741-6097	3/7/2008	No	No	No
Apollo Color, Inc. Dave Klebine, Fax: 815-741-2599	3/7/2008	No	No	No
BASF Frank Ardite, Fax: 732-321-0250 Greg Thies, Fax: 202-558-5101 David Bushnell, Fax: 301-654-8336	3/7/2008	No	No	No
Bayer Chemicals Julie Van Egmund, Fax: 202-737-8909 Karen L. Niedermeyer, Fax: 412-777-4740	3/7/2008	No	No	No
Biddle Sawyer William Thonack, Fax: 212-239-1089	3/7/2008	No	No	No
Chemtura Corp. Matt Mattingley, Fax: 202-463-8497 Lloyd Moon, Fax: 203-573-2686	3/7/2008	No	No	No
Ciba Specialty Chemicals Robert Hurley, Fax: 202-289-3588 Michelle Forte, Fax: 914-785-4831	3/7/2008	No	No	No
Clariant Corp. Andy Zamoyski, Fax: 202-248-9043 Mike Carroll, Fax: 704-370-6969	3/7/2008	No	No	No
Dow Chemicals Lisa Schroeter, 202-429-3467	3/7/2008	No	No	No
DuPont Helen C. McMahon, Fax: 302-355-2994	3/7/2008	No	No	No
Emerald Performance Chemicals Tom Dirmyer, Fax: 330-315-6480	3/7/2008	No	No	No
Galaxie Chemical Corp. Michael Santoro, Jr., Fax: 973-790-7104	3/7/2008	No	No	No
Honeywell Art Simonetti, Fax: 202-662-2675	3/7/2008	No	No	No

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Huntsman Corp. John Deming, Fax: 302-479-5499	3/7/2008	No	No	No
Monsanto Corp. Grant Erdel, Fax: 202-789-1867	3/7/2008	No	No	No
PMC Inc. Gordon McCollough, Fax: 513-482-7884	3/7/2008	No	No	No
Rhodia Dominick Cangiana, Fax: 609-860-2256	3/7/2008	No	No	No
Solutia, Inc. Kassie D. Wooten, Fax: 314-674-1585	3/7/2008	No	No	No
Sun Chemical Corp. Steve Schmidt, Fax: 513-681-4960	3/7/2008	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  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 4517

To suspend temporarily the duty on 4-Vinylbenzenesulfonic acid, sodium salt hydrate.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 12, 2007

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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## A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on 4-Vinylbenzenesulfonic acid, sodium salt hydrate.

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. 4-VINYLBENZENESULFONIC ACID, SODIUM**  
4 **SALT HYDRATE.**

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

“	9902.____	4-Vinylbenzenesulfonic acid, sodium salt hydrate (CAS No. 2695-37-6) (provided for in subheading 2904.10.37) .....	Free	No change	No change	On or before 12/31/2010	”.
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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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