

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

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

[Date approved: May 14, 2008]²

Bill No. and sponsor: H.R. 4554 (Mr. Jason Altmire of Pennsylvania).

Proponent name,³ location: LANXESS Corporation, Pittsburgh, PA.

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)):

Aqueous polyurethane dispersions containing 38 percent to 42 percent solids content of propanoic acid, 3-hydroxy-2-(hydroxymethyl)-2-methyl-,polymer with 2-[(2-aminoethyl)amino]ethanesulfonic acid monosodium salt, 1,6-diisocyanatohexane, dimethyl carbonate, 1,2-ethanediamine, 1,6-hexanediol, hydrazine, and a-hydro-v-hydroxypoly[oxy(methyl-1,2-ethanediyl)], polyethylene-polypropylene glycol monobutyl ether blocked (CAS No. 841251-36-3) (provided for in subheading 3909.50.50).

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 an aqueous dispersion of a medium-hard aliphatic urethane polymer that is used for high-performance leather finishes. It may also be cross-linked with other products. The product has a medium-hard film, along with excellent flexibility and is recommended as a component for waterborne transfer coating and for finishing all types of leathers. It is imported from Germany.

¹ Industry analyst preparing report: L. Johnson (202-205-3351); Tariff Affairs contact: David G. 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: 3909.50.50					
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Col. 1-General rate of duty	6.3%	6.3%	6.3%	6.3%	6.3%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$2,200,000	\$2,200,000	\$2,200,000	\$2,200,000	\$2,200,000
Customs revenue loss 1/	\$0	\$138,600	\$138,600	\$138,600	\$138,600

1/ There is an existing duty suspension under HTS headings 9902.22.19 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):

Name of firm/organization	Date contacted	Claim US makes same or competing product(s)?	Submission attached?	Opposition noted?
		(Yes/No)		
LANXESS Corporation (Proponent) Michael Assaf, 412-809-3687	1/31/2008	No	No	No
Bayer Corp. Karen L. Niedermeyer, 412-777-2058	2/12/2008	No	No	No
Dow Chemical Co. Lisa Schroeter, 202-429-3407	2/12/2008	No	No	No
DuPont Elaine M. Olsen, 302-992-2263	2/12/2008	No	No	No
ExxonMobil Chemical Co. Donna Davis, 281-834-2036	2/12/2008	No	No	No
Rohm and Haas Company Hank Stoebenau, 215-654-9588	2/12/2008	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
1ST SESSION

H. R. 4554

To extend the suspension of duty on Bayderm Bottom DLV-N.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 13, 2007

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

A BILL

To extend the suspension of duty on Bayderm Bottom DLV-N.

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. BAYDERM BOTTOM DLV-N.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Heading 9902.22.19 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 to goods entered, or withdrawn from
9 warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after
10 the date of the enactment of this Act.