

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

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

[Date approved: May 16, 2008]²

Bill No. and sponsor: H.R. 4618 (Mr. Phil English of Pennsylvania).

Proponent name,³ location: Rohm and Haas Company, Philadelphia, 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)):

Ion-exchange resin powder comprising a copolymer of methacrylic acid cross-linked with divinylbenzene, in the hydrogen ionic form, of a nominal partical size between 0.025 mm and 0.150 mm, dried to less than 5% moisture (CAS No. 50602-21-6) (provided for in subheading 3914.00.60).

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 insoluble, weakly acidic, positively charged cation exchange resin that is used in the pharmaceutical industry as a carrier for certain drugs and as a stabilizer for other drugs. Examples include the stabilization of vitamin B₁₂ and the sustained release of nicotine. It is imported from France.

Estimated effect on customs revenue:

HTS subheading: <u>3914.00.60</u>					
 	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Col. 1-General rate of duty	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$1,600,000	\$1,800,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,200,000	\$2,400,000
Customs revenue loss 1/	\$0	\$70,200	\$78,000	\$85,800	\$93,600

1/ There is an existing duty suspension under HTS heading 9902.11.78 that expires on December 31, 2009. Therefore, there will be no customs revenue loss related to this bill in 2009.

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

¹ Industry analyst preparing report: L. Johnson (202-205-3351); Tariff Affairs contact: D. 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.

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)		
Rohm and Haas Company (Proponent) Henry P. Stoebenau, 215-628-4919	03/24/2008	No	No	No
Bayer Corporation Karen L. Niedermeyer, 412-777-2058	03/24/2008	No	No	No
Dow Chemical Company Lisa Schroeter, 202-429-3400	03/24/2008	No	No	No
LANXESS Corp. Jamie B. Schaeffer, 412-809-3666	03/24/2008	No	No	No
Purolite Company Don Brodie, 610-668-9090	03/24/2008	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. 4618

To extend the temporary suspension of duty on a certain chemical.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 13, 2007

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

A BILL

To extend the temporary suspension of duty on a certain chemical.

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. A CERTAIN CHEMICAL.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Heading 9902.11.78 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.