MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION
of the 110th Congress [1]

[Date approved: June 2, 2008][2]

Bill No. and sponsor: H.R. 4645 (Mr. Gene Green of Texas).

Proponent name,[3] location: Rhodia Inc., Cranbury, NJ.

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)):

Mixtures or coprecipitates of yttrium oxide (CAS No. 1314-36-9) and europium oxide (CAS No. 1308-96-9) having a yttrium oxide content of at least 90 percent (provided for in subheading 2846.90.80).

> **Check one**:   _X_ 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 in the manufacture of phosphors. It is imported from France.

Estimated effect on customs revenue:

HTS subheading: 2846.90.80					
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Col. 1-General rate of duty	3.7%	3.7%	3.7%	3.7%	3.7%
Estimated value *dutiable* imports	$6,000,000	$6,000,000	$6,000,000	$6,000,000	$6,000,000
Customs revenue loss 1/	$0	$222,000	$222,000	$222,000	$222,000

1/ There is an existing duty suspension under HTS heading 9902.23.04 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.

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[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 identified 8 additional beneficiaries of this bill. USITC staff sent inquiries to the named beneficiaries and received responses from two. One submitted a written representation that it would benefit from 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)		
Rhodia Inc. (Proponent) Rick Valentine, 202-661-3802	3/10/2008	No	No	No
Chevron Mining Inc. (Molycorp Inc.) John Benfield, Fax: 760-856-2344	3/31/2008	No	No	No
Grand Northern Products JoAnn Kidd, Fax: 616-583-9061	3/31/2008	No	No	No
Johnson Matthey Robert Talley, Fax: 610-971-3022	3/27/2008	No	No	No
W.R. Grace Christy Stokrp, Fax: 410-531-8888	3/31/2008	No	No	No

Technical comments:[4]

None.

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[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. 4645

To extend the temporary suspension of duty on mixtures or coprecipitates
of yttrium oxide and europium oxide.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 13, 2007

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas introduced the following bill; which was referred
to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

To extend the temporary suspension of duty on mixtures
or coprecipitates of yttrium oxide and europium oxide.

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. MIXTURES OR COPRECIPITATES OF YTTRIUM**

4   **OXIDE AND EUROPIUM OXIDE.**

5   (a) IN GENERAL.—Heading 9902.23.04 of the Har-

6 monized Tariff Schedule of the United States is amended

7 by striking "12/31/2009" and inserting "12/31/2011".

8   (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by

9 subsection (a) applies with respect to goods entered, or

1 withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after

2 the 15th day after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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