

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

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

[Date approved: June 13, 2008]²

Bill No. and sponsor: H.R. 4758 (Mr. Mike Ross of Arkansas).

Proponent name,³ location: Chemtura Corporation, Middlebury, CT.

Other bills on product (110th Congress only): None.

Nature of bill: Temporary duty suspension through December 31, 2011.

Retroactive effect: None.

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

1,1'-(1-Methylethylidene)bis(3,5-dibromo-4-(2,3-dibromopropoxy)benzene) (Tetrabromobisphenol A bis(2,3-dibromopropyl ether)) (CAS No. 21850-44-2) (provided for in subheading 2909.50.50).

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 synthetic organic chemical is a halogenated flame retardant that is used in the plastics industry. It is imported from China.

Estimated effect on customs revenue:

HTS subheading: <u>2909.50.50</u>					
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Col. 1-General rate of duty					
Col. 1-General rate of duty	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$2,700,000	\$2,700,000	\$2,700,000	\$2,700,000	\$2,700,000
Customs revenue loss	\$148,500	\$148,500	\$148,500	\$148,500	\$148,500

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

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

¹ Industry analyst preparing report: Robert Randall (202-205-3366); 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)		
Chemtura Corporation (Proponent) Matt Mattingley, matt@mattingleygroup.com	4/25/2008	No	No	No
American Chemistry Council Marty Durbin, Fax: 703-741-6097	4/25/2008	No	No	No
Apollo Color, Inc. Dave Klebine, Fax: 815-741-2599	4/25/2008	No	No	No
BASF David Bushnell, Fax: 301-654-8336 Greg Thies, Fax: 202-558-5101	4/25/2008	No	No	No
Bayer Chemicals Karen L. Niedermeyer, Fax: 412-777-4740 Julie Van Egmund, Fax: 202-737-8909	4/25/2008	No	No	No
Biddle Sawyer William Thonack, Fax: 212-239-1089	4/25/2008	No	No	No
Ciba Specialty Chemicals Robert Hurley, Fax: 202-289-3588	4/25/2008	No	No	No
Clariant Corp. Andy Zamoyski, Fax: 202-248-9043	4/25/2008	No	No	No
Dow Chemicals Lisa Schroeter, 202-429-3467	4/25/2008	No	No	No
DuPont Helen C. McMahon, Fax: 302-355-2994	4/25/2008	No	No	No
Emerald Performance Chemicals Tom Dirmyer, Fax: 330-315-6480	4/25/2008	No	No	No
Galaxie Chemical Corp. Michael Santoro, Jr., Fax: 973-790-7104	4/25/2008	No	No	No
Honeywell Art Simonetti, Fax: 202-662-2675	4/25/2008	No	No	No
Huntsman Corp. John Deming, Fax: 302-479-5499	4/25/2008	No	No	No
Monsanto Corp. Grant Erdel, Fax: 202-789-1867	4/25/2008	No	No	No
PMC Inc. Gordon McCollough, Fax: 513-482-7884	4/25/2008	No	No	No

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Rhodia Dominick Cangiano, Fax: 609-860-2256	4/25/2008	No	No	No
Solutia, Inc. Kassie D. Wooten, Fax: 314-674-1585	4/25/2008	No	No	No
Sun Chemical Corp. Steve Schmidt, Fax: 513-681-4960	4/25/2008	No	No	No

Technical comments:⁴

The Commission staff suggests that the article description on page 1 of this report be used in the proposed new heading in order to provide the correct chemical name as well as the common industry name.

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. 4758

To suspend temporarily the duty on Bis(2,3-dibromopropyl ether) of
Tetrabromobisphenol A.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 17, 2007

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

A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on Bis(2,3-dibromopropyl
ether) of Tetrabromobisphenol A.

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. BIS(2,3-DIBROMOPROPYL ETHER) OF**
4 **TETRABROMOBISPHENOL A.**

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.____	Bis(2,3-dibromopropyl ether) of Tetrabromobisphenol A (CAS No. 21850-44-2) (pro- vided for in subheading 2909.50.50)	Free	No change	No change	On or before 12/31/2011	”.
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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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