

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

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

[Date approved: August 1, 2008]²

Bill No. and sponsor: H.R. 4801 (Mr. Howard Coble of North Carolina).

Proponent name,³ location: Syngenta Crop Protection, Inc., Greensboro, NC.

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)):

Ethyl (RS)-4-cyclopropyl(hydroxy)methylene-3,5-dioxocyclohexanecarboxylate (Trinexapac-ethyl)
(CAS No. 95266-40-3) (provided for in subheading 2918.99.50).

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 a synthetic organic chemical that is used to formulate plant growth regulators for use in turf and grass seed production. The product is imported from Switzerland.

Estimated effect on customs revenue:

HTS subheading: <u>2918.99.50</u>					
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Col. 1-General rate of duty					
Col. 1-General rate of duty	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$2,900,000	\$2,900,000	\$2,900,000	\$2,900,000	\$2,900,000
Customs revenue loss <u>1/</u>	\$0	\$116,000	\$116,000	\$116,000	\$116,000

1/ There is an existing duty suspension under HTS heading 9902.29.93 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):

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?
Syngenta Crop Protection, Inc. (Proponent) Angus Kelly, 202-347-7772	4/20/2008	No	No	No
Arkema Inc. Charles Kitchen, Fax: 215-419-7075	4/25/2008	No	No	No
BASF Corp. Greg Thies, Fax: 703-255-7142	4/25/2008	No	No	No
Bayer Corp. William Hensley, Fax: 202-737-8909	4/25/2008	No	No	No
Chemtura Corp. Matt Mattingley, Fax: 202-463-8498	4/25/2008	No	No	No
CropLife America Isi Siddiqui, Fax: 202-463-0474	4/25/2008	No	No	No
DuPont Helen McMahon, Fax: 302-355-2994	4/25/2008	No	No	No
Emerald Performance Materials Tom Dirmyer, Fax: 330-315-6480	4/25/2008	No	No	No
FMC Corporation Jerry Prout, 202-956-5209	4/25/2008	No	No	No
Monsanto Corp. Grant Erdel, Fax: 202-789-1867	4/25/2008	No	No	No
Nufarm Limited Joel R. Junker, Fax: 206-621-8220	4/25/2008	No	No	No
Valent U.S.A. Corp. Robin Demouth, Fax: 925-256-2776	4/25/2008	No	No	No

Technical comments:⁴

The Commission staff recommends that the article description be modified as shown on page 1 of this report in order to use the IUPAC name and to include the common name in parentheses after the chemical 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.

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