

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

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

[Date approved: June 12, 2008]²

Bill No. and sponsor: H.R. 4920 (Mr. Jim Saxton of New Jersey).

Proponent name,³ location: LANXESS Sybron Chemicals Inc., Birmingham, 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)):

Ion-exchange resin, copolymerized from acrylonitrile with divinylbenzene, ethylvinylbenzene and 1,7-octadiene, hydrolyzed (CAS No. 130353-60-5) (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 consists of cation exchange resins in the form of porous polymeric beads. These resins are used primarily to remove positive ions such as calcium and magnesium in potable drinking water systems, thus enhancing the quality and taste of drinking water for home consumption. The product is also useful for the removal of heavy metals from wastewater, and for the removal of calcium and magnesium ions in sugar processing to prevent scaling of evaporation equipment. The product is imported from Germany.

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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: 3914.00.60					
	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	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$420,000	\$440,000	\$450,000
Customs revenue loss 1/	\$0	\$15,600	\$16,380	\$17,160	\$17,550

1/ There is an existing duty suspension under HTS heading 9902.39.30 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: Commission and 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 Sybron Chemicals, Inc. (Proponent) Jamie Schaeffer, 412-809-3666 Steve Ziehm, 202-872-8181	04/04/2008	No	No	No
Bayer Corporation Karen Niedermeyer, 412-777-2058	04/05/2008	No	No	No
Efficient Global Trade, Inc. Henry P. Stoebenau, 215-628-4919	04/03/2008	No	No	No
Dow Chemical Company Max Turnipseed, 225-338-0310	04/05/2008	No	No	No
The Purolite Company Don Brodie, 610-668-9090	04/05/2008	No	No	No

Technical comments:⁴

The Commission staff suggests that the article description on page 1 of this report be used in heading 9902.39.30 in order to clarify 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.

110TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 4920

To extend the temporary suspension of duty on certain ion-exchange resins.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 19, 2007

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

A BILL

To extend the temporary suspension of duty on certain ion-exchange resins.

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. CERTAIN ION-EXCHANGE RESINS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Heading 9902.39.30 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.