

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

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

[Date approved: June 19, 2008]²

Bill No. and sponsor: H.R. 4952 (Mr. David Davis of Tennessee).

Proponent name,³ location: Eastman Chemical Company, Kingsport, TN.

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)):

1,4-Benzoquinone (CAS No. 106-51-4) (provided for in subheading 2914.69.90).

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 primarily used by producers of dyes, fungicides, and chemicals in processes that require oxidizing agents. It may also be used as a polymerization inhibitor, and for stabilizing unsaturated polyesters during processing, shipping, and storage. The product is imported from China.

Estimated effect on customs revenue:

| HTS subheading: 2914.69.90 | | | | | |
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| | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 |
| Col. 1-General rate of duty | 5.5% | 5.5% | 5.5% | 5.5% | 5.5% |
| Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports | \$420,000 | \$420,000 | \$420,000 | \$420,000 | \$420,000 |
| Customs revenue loss ^{1/} | \$0 | \$23,100 | \$23,100 | \$23,100 | \$23,100 |

^{1/} There is an existing duty suspension under HTS heading 9902.10.40 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.

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 no 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) | | |
| Eastman Chemical Company (Proponent) Greg Riddle, 212-835-1620 | 04/24/2008 | No | No | No |
| Abbott Elaine Leavenworth, Fax: 202-783-6631 | 05/02/2008 | No | No | No |
| BASF Corp. Gregory Thies, Fax: 703-255-7142 | 05/02/2008 | No | No | No |
| Bayer Corp. Karen Niedermeyer, Fax: 412-777-4740 | 05/02/2008 | No | No | No |
| Biddle Sawyer William Thonack, Fax: 212-239-1089 | 05/02/2008 | No | No | No |
| Ciba Specialty Chemicals Michelle Forte, Fax: 914-785-4381 | 05/02/2008 | No | No | No |
| Chemtura Corp. Matt Mattingley, Fax: 202-463-8498 | 05/02/2008 | No | No | No |
| Clariant Corp. Andrew Zamoyski, Fax: 202-248-9043 | 05/02/2008 | No | No | No |
| Dow Chemical/Dow Agro Science Max Turnipseed, Fax: 225-383-0590 | 05/02/2008 | No | No | No |
| DuPont Helen McMahon, Fax: 302-355-2994 | 05/02/2008 | No | No | No |
| Emerald Performance Materials, LLC Tom Dirmyer, Fax: 330-315-6480 | 05/02/2008 | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Honeywell International Art Simonetti, Fax: 202-662-2675 | 05/02/2008 | No | No | No |
| Monsanto Corp. Grant Erdel, Fax: 202-789-1867 | 05/02/2008 | No | No | No |
| Rhodia Dominick Cangiano, Fax: 609-860-2256 | 05/02/2008 | No | No | No |
| Solutia Corp. Kassie Wooton, Fax: 314-674-1585 | 05/02/2008 | 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
2D SESSION

H. R. 4952

To extend the duty suspension on 1,4-Benzoquinone.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 15, 2008

Mr. DAVID DAVIS of Tennessee introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

To extend the duty suspension on 1,4-Benzoquinone.

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. 1,4-BENZOQUINONE.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Heading 9902.10.40 of the Har-
5 monized Tariff Schedule of the United States (relating to
6 1,4-Benzoquinone) is amended by striking “12/31/2009”
7 and inserting “12/31/2011”.

8 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
9 subsection (a) applies with respect to goods entered, or
10 withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after

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1 the date that is 15 days after the date of enactment of
2 this Act.

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