

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20436

**MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION  
of the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress<sup>1</sup>**

[Date approved: July 29, 2008]<sup>2</sup>

**Bill No. and sponsor:** H.R. 4958 (Mr. David Davis of Tennessee).

**Proponent name,<sup>3</sup> location:** Eastman Chemical Company, Kingsport, TN.

**Other bills on product (110<sup>th</sup> 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)):**

Glycerol ester of dimerized gum (100 percent) rosin, catalyzed with sulfuric acid, softening point not less than 104°C, acid number 3 to 8 (CAS No. 68475-37-6) (provided for in subheading 3806.30.00).

**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, a hard, pale amber thermoplastic resin, is a chemically modified natural product used in lacquers, varnishes, adhesives, certain cosmetics, and various other products. The product is imported from China.

**Estimated effect on customs revenue:**

<b>HTS subheading: 3806.30.00</b>					
<del> </del>	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Col. 1-General rate of duty	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$275,000	\$280,500	\$286,110	\$291,832	\$297,669
Customs revenue loss	\$17,875	\$18,233	\$18,597	\$18,969	\$19,348

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

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

<sup>1</sup> Industry analyst preparing report: Robert Randall (202-205-3366); Tariff Affairs contact: David Michels (202-205-3440).

<sup>2</sup> Access to an electronic copy of this memorandum is available at [http://www.usitc.gov/tata/hts/other/rel\\_doc/bill\\_reports/](http://www.usitc.gov/tata/hts/other/rel_doc/bill_reports/).

<sup>3</sup> The sponsor/proponent did not identify any additional beneficiaries of this bill.

Name of firm/organization <u>1</u> /	Date contacted	Claim US makes same or competing product(s)?	Submission attached?	Opposition noted?
		(Yes/No)		
Eastman Chemical Company (Proponent) Gregory A. Riddle, 212-835-1620	5/15/2008	No	No	No
Akzo Nobel Resins Robin Hall, 312-544-7187	5/15/2008	No	No	No
Arizona Chemical Co., Inc. Product Manager, Fax: 904-928-8779	5/15/2008	No	No	No
J.H. Calo Company, Inc. Product Manager, Fax: 516-832-7758	5/15/2008	No	No	No
Crowley Chemical Co. Product Manager, Fax: 212-953-3487	5/15/2008	No	No	No
Ecolink, Inc. Product Manager, Fax: 770-621-8245	5/15/2008	No	No	No
Emerald Performance Materials Tom Dirmyer, Fax: 330-315-6480	5/15/2008	No	No	No
Galaxie Chemical Corp. Michael Santoro, Jr., Fax: 973-790-7104	5/15/2008	No	No	No
Hercules, Inc. Product Manager, Fax: 302-594-6664	5/15/2008	No	No	No
Huntsman Corp. John Deming, Fax: 302-479-5499	5/15/2008	No	No	No
Loos & Dilworth, Inc. Product Manager, Fax: 215-785-3597	5/15/2008	No	No	No
Natrochem, Inc. Product Manager, Fax: 912-236-1919	5/15/2008	No	No	No
Naval Stores Co. of New York Product Manager, Fax: 914-664-9383	5/15/2008	No	No	No
Roger A. Reed, Inc. Product Manager, Fax: 781-942-1831	5/15/2008	No	No	No
Resinall Corp. Henry Boswell, Fax: 203-329-0167	5/15/2008	No	No	No
Rit-Chem Co., Inc. Product Manager, Fax: 914-769-1408	5/15/2008	No	No	No
Frank B. Ross Co. Product Manager, Fax: 732-669-0814	5/15/2008	No	No	No

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			(Yes/No)	
Sovereign Chemical Co. Product Manager, Fax: 330-869-0518	5/15/2008	No	No	No

1/ Some domestic firms and organizations were identified using company directories and internet research. Individual contacts at such firms or organizations were not identified.

**Technical comments:<sup>4</sup>**

The Commission staff suggests that “100%” be written as “100 percent”, and that “degrees centigrade” be written as “°C”.

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<sup>4</sup> 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. 4958

To suspend temporarily the duty on glycerol ester of dimerized gum.

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## 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

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## A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on glycerol ester of dimerized gum.

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. GLYCEROL ESTER OF DIMERIZED GUM.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 99 of  
5 the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States is  
6 amended by inserting in numerical sequence the following  
7 new heading:

“	9902.01.00	Glycerol ester of dimerized gum (100%) rosin, catalyzed with sulfuric acid, softening point not less than 104 degrees centigrade, acid number 3 to 8, (CAS No. 68475-37-6) (provided for in subheading 3806.30.00) ..	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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