

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: June 12, 2008]<sup>2</sup>

**Bill No. and sponsor:** H.R. 4975 (Mr. Jim Ramstad of Minnesota).

**Proponent name,<sup>3</sup> location:** 3M Company, St. Paul, MN.

**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)):**

Perfluoro-1-butananesulfonyl fluoride (CAS No. 375-72-4) (provided for in subheading 2904.90.50).

**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 manufacture protective coatings for apparel and home furnishings, and to manufacture specialty surfactants. The subject product is imported from Belgium.

**Estimated effect on customs revenue:**

HTS subheading: <u>2904.90.50</u>					
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
<del>Col. 1-General rate of duty</del>					
Col. 1-General rate of duty	3.7%	3.7%	3.7%	3.7%	3.7%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$7,000,000	\$7,500,000	\$8,000,000	\$8,000,000	\$8,000,000
Customs revenue loss	\$259,000	\$277,500	\$296,000	\$296,000	\$296,000

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

<sup>1</sup> Industry analyst preparing report: Jeff Clark (202-205-3318); 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.

**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?
3M Company (Proponent) Mildred Haynes, Fax: 202-414-3037 Warren Weber, Fax: 651-732-8044	3/21/2008 3/26/2008 4/15/2008 4/18/2008	No	No	No
Abbott Laboratories Elaine Leavenworth, Fax: 202-783-6631	4/1/2008	No	No	No
American Chemistry Council Marty Durbin, Fax: 703-741-6097	4/1/2008	No	No	No
BASF Corp. Greg Thies, Fax: 202-558-5101	4/1/2008	No	No	No
Bayer Corp. Karen Niedermeyer, Fax: 412-777-4740 Julie Van Egmund, Fax: 202-737-8909	4/1/2008	No	No	No
Biddle Sawyer Corp. William Thonack, Fax: 212-239-1089	4/1/2008	No	No	No
Chemtura Matt Mattingley, Fax: 202-463-8497 Lloyd Moon, Fax: 203-573-2686	4/1/2008	No	No	No
Ciba Specialty Chemicals Corp. Robert Hurley, Fax: 202-289-3588 Michelle Forte, Fax: 914-785-4831	4/1/2008	No	No	No
Clariant Corporation Andrew Zamoyski, Fax: 202-248-9043	4/1/2008	No	No	No
Daikin America Rich Straff, 845-365-9500	4/16/2008 4/18/2008	No	No	No
Dow Chemical Lisa Schroeter, Fax: 202-429-3467	4/1/2008	No	No	No
DuPont Helen McMahon, Fax: 302-355-2994	4/1/2008	No	No	No
Eastman Chemical Greg Riddle, Fax: 212-835-1621	4/1/2008	No	No	No
Emerald Performance Chemicals Tom Dirmyer, Fax: 330-315-6480	4/1/2008	No	No	No
GlaxoSmithKline William Schuyler, Fax: 202-715-1001	4/1/2008	No	No	No

Name of firm/organization	Date contacted	Claim US makes same or competing product(s)?	Submission attached?	Opposition noted?
		(Yes/No)		
Honeywell International Art Simonetti, Fax: 202-662-2675	4/1/2008	No	No	No
Lonza, Inc. Cheryl Prescott, Fax: 201-696-3558	4/1/2008	No	No	No
Monsanto Grant Erdel, Fax: 202-789-1867	4/1/2008	No	No	No
Perstop Polyols, Inc. Jeff Jones, Fax: 419-729-3291	4/1/2008	No	No	No
Rhodia Dominick Cangiano, Fax: 609-860-2256	4/1/2008	No	No	No
Solutia Kassie Wooton, Fax: 314-674-1585	4/1/2008	No	No	No
Tennant Co. Mary Heie, Fax: 763-513-1808	4/1/2008	No	No	No
Total Specialty Chemicals, Inc. Tad Acker, Fax: 203-966-1505	4/1/2008	No	No	No
Union Carbide Jim Murray, Fax: 202-347-1684	4/1/2008	No	No	No

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

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 a more specific name according to IUPAC nomenclature and to provide the correct HTS subheading reference.

<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. 4975

To suspend temporarily the duty on perfluorobutane sulfonyl fluoride.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 15, 2008

Mr. RAMSTAD 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 perfluorobutane sulfonyl  
fluoride.

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. PERFLUOROBUTANE SULFONYL FLUORIDE.**

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	Perfluorobutane sulfonyl fluoride (CAS No. 375–72–4) (provided for in subheading 2904.10.50) .....	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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