

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 3, 2008]<sup>2</sup>

**Bill No. and sponsor:** H.R. 5043 (Mr. Jim Costa of California).

**Proponent name,<sup>3</sup> location:** Bayer CropScience, Research Triangle Park, NC.

**Other bills on product (110<sup>th</sup> Congress only):** None.

**Nature of bill:** Extension with modification of temporary duty suspension through December 31, 2011.

**Retroactive effect:** None.

**Suggested article description(s) for enactment (including appropriate HTS subheading(s)):**

3-Methylcarbonylamino-phenyl-3-methyl-carbanilate (Phenmedipham) (CAS No. 13684-63-4) in bulk or mixed with application adjuvants (provided for in subheadings 2924.29.47 and 3808.93.15).

**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 in herbicide formulations to control postemergence weeds on sugar beets. The product is imported from Germany.

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<sup>1</sup> Industry analyst preparing report: Stephen Wanser (202-205-3363); Tariff Affairs contact: David G. 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.

**Estimated effect on customs revenue:**

<b>Total Revenue Loss for this Bill</b>					
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Customs revenue loss	\$0	\$429,000	\$429,000	\$429,000	\$429,000

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

<b>HTS subheading: <u>2924.29.47</u></b>					
	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	\$6,600,000	\$6,600,000	\$6,600,000	\$6,600,000	\$6,600,000
Customs revenue loss <u>1/</u>	\$0	\$429,000	\$429,000	\$429,000	\$429,000

1/ There is an existing duty suspension under HTS heading 9902.13.76 that expires on December 31, 2009. Therefore, there will be no customs revenue loss related to this bill in 2009.

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

<b>HTS subheading: <u>3808.93.15</u></b>					
	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	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Customs revenue loss <u>1/</u>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

1/ There is an existing duty suspension under HTS heading 9902.13.76 that expires on December 31, 2009. Therefore, there will be no customs revenue loss related to this bill in 2009.

Source of estimated dutiable import data: 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)		
Bayer CropScience (Proponent) William Hensley, 202-756-3781 Jean Reimers, 202-756-3779	02/18/2008	No	No	No
Arkema Inc. (Atofina) Charles Kitchen, Fax: 216-419-7075	02/18/2008	No	No	No
BASF Corp. Greg Thies, Fax: 703-255-7142	02/18/2008	No	No	No
Chemtura Corporation Matt Mattingley, Fax: 202-463-8498	02/18/2008	No	No	No
CropLife America Isi Siddiqui, Fax: 202-463-0474	02/18/2008	No	No	No
Dow AgroSciences Max Turnipseed, Fax: 225-338-0310 Lisa Schroeter, Fax: 202-429-3467	02/18/2008	No	No	No
DuPont Helen McMahon, Fax: 302-355-2994 Elaine Olsen, Fax: 302-774-1398	02/18/2008	No	No	No
FMC Corp. Jerry Prout, Fax: 202-956-5235 Steve Ziehm, 202-872-8181	02/18/2008	No	No	No
Monsanto Corp. Michael Parris, Fax: 202-789-1867	02/18/2008	No	No	No
Nufarm Limited Joel R. Junker, Fax: 206-621-8220	02/18/2008	No	No	No
Syngenta Crop Protection, Inc. Angus Kelly, Fax: 336-632-6084	02/18/2008	No	No	No
Valent USA Corp. Robin Demouth, Fax: 925-256-2776	02/18/2008	No	No	No

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

None.

<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. 5043

To extend the temporary suspension of duty on Phenmedipham.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 17, 2008

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

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## A BILL

To extend the temporary suspension of duty on Phenmedipham.

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. PHENMEDIPHAM.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 99 of  
5 the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States is  
6 amended—

7 (1) in heading 9902.13.76, by striking the date  
8 in the effective period column and inserting “12/31/  
9 2011”; and

10 (2) by striking heading 9902.31.13.

1       (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
2 subsection (a)(1) applies to goods 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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