

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

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

[Date approved: July 3, 2008]²

Bill No. and sponsor: H.R. 5050 (Mr. Scott Garrett of New Jersey).

Proponent name,³ location: Lonza Inc., Allendale, NJ.

Other bills on product (110th 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)):

3,4-Dihydroxy-3-cyclobutene-1,2-dione (squaric acid) (CAS No. 2892-51-5) (provided for in subheading 2914.40.90).

Check one: ___ Same as that in bill as introduced.
 X 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 photographic and health imaging applications. The product is imported from Switzerland.

Estimated effect on customs revenue:

HTS subheading: <u>2914.40.90</u>					
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Col. 1-General rate of duty					
Col. 1-General rate of duty	4.8%	4.8%	4.8%	4.8%	4.8%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Customs revenue loss	\$48,000	\$48,000	\$48,000	\$48,000	\$48,000

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

¹ Industry analyst preparing report: Jeff Clark (202-205-3318); 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 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?
		(Yes/No)		
Lonza Inc. (Proponent) Greg McCue, 202-429-6421	4/1/2008	No	No	No
Abbott Laboratories Elaine Leavenworth, Fax: 202-783-6631	4/17/2008	No	No	No
American Chemistry Council Marty Durbin, Fax: 703-741-6097	4/17/2008	No	No	No
BASF Corp. Greg Thies, Fax: 202-558-5101	4/17/2008	No	No	No
Bayer Corp. Karen Niedermeyer, Fax: 412-777-4740 Julie Van Egmund, Fax: 202-737-8909	4/17/2008	No	No	No
Biddle Sawyer Corp. William Thonack, Fax: 212-239-1089	4/17/2008	No	No	No
Chemtura Matt Mattingley, Fax: 202-463-8497 Lloyd Moon, Fax: 203-573-2686	4/17/2008	No	No	No
Ciba Specialty Chemicals Corp. Robert Hurley, Fax: 202-289-3588 Michelle Forte, Fax: 914-785-4831	4/17/2008	No	No	No
Clariant Corporation Andrew Zamoyski, Fax: 202-248-9043	4/17/2008	No	No	No
Dow Lisa Schroeter, Fax: 202-429-3467	4/17/2008	No	No	No
Dupont Helen McMahon, Fax: 302-355-2994	4/17/2008	No	No	No
Eastman Chemical Greg Riddle, Fax: 212-835-1621	4/17/2008	No	No	No
Emerald Performance Chemicals Tom Dirmyer, Fax: 330-315-6480	4/17/2008	No	No	No
Honeywell International Art Simonetti, Fax: 202-662-2675	4/17/2008	No	No	No
Monsanto Grant Erdel, Fax: 202-789-1867	4/17/2008	No	No	No

Name of firm/organization	Date contacted	Claim US makes same or competing product(s)?	Submission attached?	Opposition noted?
Rhodia Dominick Cangiano, Fax: 609-860-2256	4/17/2008	No	No	No
Solutia Kassie Wooton, Fax: 314-674-1585	4/17/2008	No	No	No

Technical comments:⁴

The Commission staff notes that the initial letter in the chemical name, “Dihydroxy”, should be capitalized.

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. 5050

To suspend temporarily the duty on squaric acid.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 17, 2008

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on squaric acid.

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. SQUARIC ACID.**

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	3,4-dihydroxy-3-cyclobutene-1,2-dione (squaric acid) (CAS No. 2892-51-5) (provided for in subheading 2914.40.90)	Free	No change	No change	On or before 12/31/2011	”.
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8 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
9 subsection (a) applies to articles entered, or withdrawn

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- 1 from warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day
- 2 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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