

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

**MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION
of the 109th Congress¹**

[Date approved: July 26, 2005]²

Bill No. and sponsor: H.R. 646 (Ms. Kaptur)

Proponent name, location: Perstorp Polyols, Inc.
Toledo, OH

Other bills on product (109th Congress only): None.

Nature of bill: Temporary duty suspension through December 31, 2008.

Retroactive effect: None.

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

Trimethylolpropane monoallyl ether (CAS No. 682-11-1) (provided for in subheading 2909.49.60).

Check one: Same as that in bill as introduced
 Different from that in bill as introduced (explain differences in Technical
comments section)

Product information, including uses/applications and source(s) of imports:

The subject product is used as a plasticizer component of molded polyesters and polyester coatings. It is imported from Perstorp AB (Sweden).

¹ Industry analyst preparing report: Larry Johnson (202-205-3351); Tariff Affairs contact: Dave Michels (202-205-3440).

² Access to an electronic copy of this memorandum is available at http://usitc.gov/tata/hts/other/rel_doc/bill_reports/index.htm.

Estimated effect on customs revenue:

HTS subheading: <u>2909.49.60</u>					
 	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Col. 1-General rate of duty (AVE) <u>1/</u>	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$328,000	\$451,000	\$574,000	\$738,000	900,000
Customs revenue loss	\$18,040	\$24,805	\$31,570	\$40,590	\$49,500

1/ The AVE is the ad valorem equivalent of a specific or compound duty rate expressed as a percent, using the most recent import data available.

Source of estimated dutiable import data: Industry estimates.

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

Name of firm/organization	Date contacted	US production of same or competitive product claimed?	Submission attached?	Opposition noted?
		(Yes/No)		
Perstorp Polyols, Inc. (Proponent) Jeff Jones, (419) 729-5448	1/30/2004	No	No	No
Bayer Corp., Polyurethanes Div. Marketing Mgr., FAX (248) 475-7701	2/18/2004	No	No	No
Carbomer, Inc. Marketing Mgr., FAX (508) 898-0432	2/18/2004	No	No	No
Harvin Reaction Technology, Inc. Marketing Mgr., FAX (336) 294-0897	2/18/2004	No	No	No
Ruco Polymers Marketing Mgr., FAX (516) 931-8197	2/18/2004	No	No	No
Solvay Interox Marketing Mgr., FAX (713) 524-9032	2/18/2004	No	No	No
Total Specialty Chemicals, Inc. Marketing Mgr., FAX (203) 966-1505	2/18/2004	No	No	No
Vopak USA Inc. Marketing Mgr., FAX (425) 889-4100	2/18/2004	No	No	No

Technical comments:³

The Commission suggests that the phrase “No change” be used in lieu of “Free” in the special subcolumn of the proposed new heading.

³ 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.

109TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 646

To suspend temporarily the duty on TMPME.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 8, 2005

Ms. KAPTUR introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on TMPME.

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. TMPME.**

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:

“	9902.07.11	Trimethylolprop- ane monoallyl ether (CAS No. 682-11-1) (pro- vided for in sub- heading 2909.49.60)	Free	Free	No change	On or before 12/31/2008	.”
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8 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
9 subsection (a) applies with respect to goods entered, or

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

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