

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20436

**MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION  
of the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress<sup>1</sup>**

[Date approved: July 26, 2005]<sup>2</sup>

**Bill No. and sponsor:** H.R. 647 (Ms. Kaptur)

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

**Other bills on product (109<sup>th</sup> 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)):**

3-Ethyl-3-oxetanemethanol (trimethylolpropane oxetane) (CAS No. 3047-32-3) (provided for in subheading 2932.99.90).

**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 to make ultra-violet-light-cured inks and coatings. It is imported from Perstorp AB (Sweden).

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

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

**Estimated effect on customs revenue:**

<b>HTS subheading: <u>2932.99.90</u></b>					
<del> </del>	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Col. 1-General rate of duty (AVE) <u>1/</u>	3.7%	3.7%	3.7%	3.7%	3.7%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$952,500	\$1,215,000	\$1,477,500	\$1,740,000	\$2,000,000
Customs revenue loss	\$35,243	\$44,955	\$54,668	\$64,380	\$74,000

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) Ms. Evelyn M. Suarez (202) 293-8116	5/17/2005	No	No	No
Bayer Corp., Polyurethanes Div. Marketing Mgr., FAX (248) 475-7701	5/17/2005	No	No	No
Carbomer, Inc. Marketing Mgr., FAX (508) 898-0432	5/17/2005	No	No	No
Harvin Reaction Technology, Inc. Marketing Mgr., FAX (336) 294-0897	5/17/2005	No	No	No
Ruco Polymers Marketing Mgr., FAX (516) 931-8197	5/17/2005	No	No	No
Solvay Interox Marketing Mgr., FAX (713) 524-9032	5/17/2005	No	No	No
Total Specialty Chemicals, Inc. Marketing Mgr., FAX (203) 966-1505	5/17/2005	No	No	No
Vopak USA Inc. Marketing Mgr., FAX (425) 889-4100	5/17/2005	No	No	No

**Technical comments:**<sup>3</sup>

The Commission suggests that the article description on page 1 of this report be used in the proposed new heading, to provide a correct chemical name.

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

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<sup>3</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.

109<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 647

To suspend temporarily the duty on TMP Oxetane (TMPO).

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 8, 2005

Ms. KAPTUR 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 TMP Oxetane (TMPO).

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. TMP OXETANE (TMPO).**

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:

“	9902.07.12	Trimethylolprop- ane Oxetane (CAS No. 3047- 32-3) (provided for in subheading 2932.99.90) .....	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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