

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

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

[Date approved: June 7, 2006]²

Bill No. and sponsor: S. 1664 (Mr. Rick Santorum of Pennsylvania).

Proponent name, location: Rohm and Haas Company, Philadelphia, PA.

Other bills on product (109th Congress only): H.R. 2265.

Nature of bill: Extension of temporary duty suspension through December 31, 2009.

Retroactive effect: None.

Article description(s) (including appropriate HTS classification(s)):

Macroporous ion-exchange resin comprising a copolymer of styrene crosslinked with divinylbenzene, thiol functionalized (CAS No. 113834-91-6) (provided for in subheading 3914.00.60).

Check one: Same as in the HTS heading(s) in the bill as introduced.
 Different from the HTS heading(s) in the bill (see Technical comments).

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

The proponent imports this ion-exchange resin under the trade name Amberlite® GT73. This resin is described as a weakly acidic, positively charged cation exchange resin that is used for the removal of positively charged mercury cations from chemical process streams. Typically these streams are found in manufacturing facilities which use the “mercury cell process” to make chlorine and caustic, also known as the chlor-alkali process. This resin also provides for mercury removal in the fluorescent light bulb manufacturing industry. The subject product is imported from France.

¹ Industry analyst preparing report: Ray Cantrell (202-205-3362); Tariff Affairs contact: David 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: 3914.00.60					
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Col. 1-General rate of duty	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$560,000	\$580,000	\$600,000	\$620,000	\$640,000
Customs revenue loss 1/	\$21,840	\$22,620	\$23,400	\$24,180	\$24,960

1/ The estimated Customs revenue loss data in 2006 reflect the existing duty suspension under HTS heading 9902.02.30 that expires on December 31, 2006.

Source of estimated dutiable import data: Commission and 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)		
Rohm and Haas Company (Proponent) Mr. Henry P. Stoebenau, 215-628-4919	08/05/2005	No	No	No
Bayer Corporation Ms. Karen L. Niedermeyer, 412-777-2058	08/11/2005	No	No	No
Dow Chemical Company Ms. Lisa Schroeder, 202-429-3400	08/11/2005	No	No	No
LANXESS Corp. (Sybron Chemical, Inc.) Ms. Jamie B. Schaeffer, 412-809-3666	08/11/2005	Yes	Yes	Yes
Purolite Company Mr. Don Brodie, Fax: 610-668-1997	8/12/2005	No	No	No

Technical comments:³

None.

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

S. 1664

To extend the temporary suspension of duty on a certain ion exchange resin.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 12, 2005

Mr. SANTORUM introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

To extend the temporary suspension of duty on a certain ion exchange resin.

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. MACROPOROUS ION EXCHANGE RESIN COM-**
4 **PRISING A COPOLYMER OF STYRENE**
5 **CROSSLINKED WITH DIVINYLBENEZENE,**
6 **THIOL FUNCTIONALIZED.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Heading 9902.02.30 of the Har-
8 monized Tariff Schedule of the United States is amended
9 by striking “12/31/2006” and inserting “12/31/2009”.

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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