

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

**MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION
of the 109th Congress ¹**

[Date approved: October 24, 2006]²

Bill No. and sponsor: S. 2479 (Mr. Mike DeWine of Ohio and Mr. George V. Voinovich of Ohio).

Proponent name, location: Flexsys America L.P., Akron, OH.

Other bills on product (109th Congress only): H.R. 4555.

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

Retroactive effect: None.

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

Tetramethylthiuram disulfide (CAS No. 137-26-8) (provided for in subheading 2930.30.60).

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:

This synthetic organic chemical, known by its initials, TMTD, is used in rubber compounding to provide good heat aging and compression set resistance for rubber products produced by sulfurless and EV vulcanization systems. This chemical is imported from Germany.

Estimated effect on customs revenue:

HTS subheading: <u>2930.30.60</u>					
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Col. 1-General rate of duty					
Col. 1-General rate of duty	3.7%	3.7%	3.7%	3.7%	3.7%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$10,350,000	\$10,350,000	\$10,350,000	\$10,350,000	\$10,350,000
Customs revenue loss	\$382,950	\$382,950	\$382,950	\$382,950	\$382,950

Source of estimated dutiable import data: Industry estimates.

¹ Industry analyst preparing report: Robert Randall (202-205-3366); 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.

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)		
Flexsys America L.P. (Proponent) Mr. David Minc, Esq., 330-668-8243	08/03/2006	No	No	No
Chemtura Corporation Ms. Liz Thomasino, 203-573-2644	08/10/2006	No	No	No
Dow Chemical Company Ms. Lisa Schroeter, 202-429-3400	08/10/2006	No	No	No
LANXESS Mr. Jamie Schaeffer, 412-809-3666	08/10/2006	No	No	No
Noveon, Incorporated Mr. Pete Getzinger, 330-374-3577	08/10/2006	No	No	No
R.T. Vanderbilt, Inc. Ms. Elizabeth Schofield, 203-853-1400	08/10/2006	No	No	No

Technical comments:³

The Commission notes that the word “disulfide” should not be capitalized.

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
2D SESSION

S. 2479

To suspend temporarily the duty on certain Tetramethylthiuram Disulfide.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 29, 2006

Mr. DEWINE (for himself and Mr. VOINOVICH) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on certain
Tetramethylthiuram Disulfide.

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. CERTAIN TETRAMETHYLTHIURAM DISULFIDE.**

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:

“	9902.09.04	Tetramethylthiuram Disulfide (CAS No. 137-26-8) (provided for in subheading 2930.30.60)	Free	No change	No change	On or before 12/31/2009	”.
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1 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
2 subsection (a) applies to goods entered, or withdrawn from
3 warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after
4 the date of the enactment of this Act.

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