

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

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

[Date approved: October 24, 2006]²

Bill No. and sponsor: S. 3134 (Mr. Saxby Chambliss of Georgia).

Proponent name, location: SNF Holding Company, Riceboro, GA.

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

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

Retroactive effect: None.

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

Methyl acrylate (CAS No. 96-33-3) (provided for in subheading 2916.12.50).

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:

Methyl acrylate forms homopolymers or co-polymers which are used in the production of coatings, adhesives, elastomers, super absorbent polymers, and flocculants, as well as fibers and plastics. Methyl acrylate is also a common feedstock for chemical syntheses. The subject product is imported primarily from Belgium, China, France, and Mexico.

Estimated effect on customs revenue:

HTS subheading: 2916.12.50					
	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	\$46,000,000	\$46,000,000	\$47,000,000	\$48,000,000	\$49,000,000
Customs revenue loss	\$1,702,000	\$1,702,000	\$1,739,000	\$1,776,000	\$1,813,000

Source of estimated dutiable import data: Official U.S. Government statistics.

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://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)		
SNF Holding Company (Proponent) Roger Schagrin, Fax: 202-429-2522	06/29/2006 07/01/2006	No	No	No
Abbott Laboratories Elaine Leavenworth, Fax: 202-783-6631	07/25/2006	No	No	No
American Chemistry Council Jim O'Connor, Fax: 703-741-6922	07/25/2006	No	No	No
Ashland Chemical Mike Toohey, Fax: 202-293-2913	07/25/2006	No	No	No
Bayer Corp. Karen Niedermeyer, Fax: 412-777-4740	07/25/2006	No	No	No
Biddle Sawyer Corp. William Thonack, Fax: 212-239-1089	07/25/2006	No	No	No
Bristol Myers Squibb David Warr, Fax: 202-783-2308	07/25/2006	No	No	No
Ciba Specialty Chemicals Corp. John Demming, Fax: 302-479-5152	07/25/2006	No	No	No
Clariant Corporation Andrew Zamoyiski, Fax: 202-248-9043	07/25/2006	No	No	No
Dow Chemical Company Max Turnipseed, Fax: 225-383-0590	08/30/2006	Yes	Yes	Yes
DuPont Helen McMahon, Fax: 302-355-2994	07/25/2006	No	No	No
Eastman Chemical Jorge San Pedro, Fax: 703-524-7707 Greg Riddle, Fax: 703-524-7707	07/25/2006	No	No	No
Eli Lilly Kathryn Karol, Fax: 202-624-9460	07/25/2006	No	No	No
Gilead Sciences Cheryl Myriad, Fax: 650-522-5853	07/25/2006	No	No	No
GlaxoSmithKline William Schuyler, Fax: 202-715-1001 Sara Froehlich, Fax: 202-715-1001	07/25/2006	No	No	No
Great Lakes Chemical Robert Lee, Fax: 765-497-6040	07/25/2006	No	No	No

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		(Yes/No)		
Honeywell International Art Simonetti, Fax: 202-662-2675	07/25/2006	No	No	No
Interferon Sciences, Inc. Samuel Ronel, Fax: 732-249-6895	07/25/2006	No	No	No
Lonza, Inc. Ray Esposito, Fax: 201-696-3487	07/25/2006	No	No	No
Merck & Co. Thomas Bombelles, Fax: 202-638-3670	07/25/2006	No	No	No
Monsanto Linda Strachan, Fax: 202-789-1867	07/25/2006	No	No	No
Niche Pharmaceuticals Steve Brandon, Fax: 817-491-3533	07/25/2006	No	No	No
Novartis Tracy Haller, Fax: 202-628-4763	07/25/2006	No	No	No
Noveon Tom Dirmyer, Fax: 216-447-5720	07/25/2006	No	No	No
Perstop Polyols, Inc. Jeff Jones, Fax: 419-729-3291	07/25/2006	No	No	No
Pfizer Katherine Bennett, Fax: 202-347-2044	07/25/2006	No	No	No
Procter & Gamble Jim McCarthy, Fax: 202-393-4606	07/25/2006	No	No	No
Rhodia Dominick Cangiana, Fax: 609-860-2256	07/25/2006	No	No	No
Schering-Plough Rob Lively, Fax: 202-463-8809	07/25/2006	No	No	No
Solutia Sue Cannon, Fax: 314-674-1585	07/25/2006	No	No	No
Tennant Co. Mary Heie, Fax: 763-513-1808	07/25/2006	No	No	No
Total Specialty Chemicals, Inc. Tad Acker, Fax: 203-966-1505	07/25/2006	No	No	No
Union Carbide Jim Murray, Fax: 202-347-1684	07/25/2006	No	No	No
Uniroyal Chemical Lloyd Moon, Fax: 203-573-4430	07/25/2006	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
2^D SESSION

S. 3134

To suspend temporarily the duty on methyl acrylate.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 25, 2006

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

A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on methyl acrylate.

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. METHYL ACRYLATE.**

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:

“ | 9902.29.18 | Methyl acrylate (CAS No. 96-33-3) | Free | No change | No change | On or before | ”.
| (provided for in subheading 2916.12.50) | | | | 12/31/2009 |

8 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
9 subsection (a) applies to goods entered, or withdrawn from

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

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