

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. 3156 (Mr. Barack Obama of Illinois).

Proponent name, location: Nufarm Americas, Inc., Burr Ridge, IL.

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)):

N-(Phenylmethyl)-1H-purine-6-amine (6-benzylaminopurine) (CAS No. 1214-39-7) (provided for in subheading 2933.59.15).

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:

N-(Phenylmethyl)-1H-purine-6-amine is a synthetic organic chemical that is used as a plant growth regulator. The product is used to improve the size and quality of fruit and other crops. Switzerland is the largest source of imports under HTS subheading 2933.59.15.

Estimated effect on customs revenue:

HTS subheading: <u>2933.59.15</u>					
 	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Col. 1-General rate of duty	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$19,000	\$19,000	\$19,000	\$19,000	\$19,000
Customs revenue loss	\$1,235	\$1,235	\$1,235	\$1,235	\$1,235

Source of estimated dutiable import data: Industry estimates.

¹ Industry analyst preparing report: Philip Stone (202-205-3424); 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)	
Nufarm Americas, Inc. (Proponent) Joel Junker, 206-621-7878	07/24/2006	No	No	No
Abbott Elaine Leavenworth, Fax: 202-783-6631	07/26/2006	No	No	No
AtoFina Cerex Charles Kitchin, Fax: 703-527-2092	07/26/2006	No	No	No
BASF Greg Thies, Fax: 202-558-5101	07/26/2006	No	No	No
Bayer CropScience Williams Hensley, Fax: 202-737-8909 Karen L. Niedermeyer, Fax: 412-777-4740	07/26/2006	No	No	No
Crop Life America Lawrence Norton, Fax: 202-463-0474	07/26/2006	No	No	No
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DuPont Helen McMahon, Fax: 302-355-2994	07/26/2006	No	No	No
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PCI Synthesis Ed Price, Fax: 978-465-2057	07/26/2006	No	No	No
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Valent USA Robin Demouth, Fax: 925-256-2776	07/26/2006	No	No	No

Technical comments:³

The Commission suggests that the article description on page 1 of this report be used in the proposed new heading in order to provide a common name reference and correct a capitalization error.

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. 3156

To suspend temporarily the duty on N6-Benzyladenine.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 25, 2006

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

A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on N6-Benzyladenine.

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. SUSPENSION OF DUTY ON N6-BENZYLADENINE.**

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:

“	9902.29.32	N-(phenylmethyl)-1H-purine-6-amine (CAS No. 1214-39-7) (provided for in subheading 2933.59.15)	Free	No change	No change	On or before 12/31/2009	”.
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8 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
9 subsection (a) applies to goods entered, or withdrawn from

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

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