

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. 3166 (Mr. Christopher S. Bond of Missouri).

Proponent name, location: BASF Corporation, Research Triangle Park, NC.

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 3-(trifluoromethyl)benzoate (CAS No. 2557-13-3) (provided for in subheading 2916.39.45).

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 3-(trifluoromethyl)benzoate is a raw material that is used for the production of a broad spectrum insecticide that is primarily employed in the control of caterpillars and beetles in cotton plants. The product is imported from China.

Estimated effect on customs revenue:

HTS subheading: <u>2916.39.45</u>					
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Col. 1-General rate of duty					
Col. 1-General rate of duty	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$1,050,000	\$1,750,000	\$3,800,000	\$3,600,000	\$5,700,000
Customs revenue loss	\$68,250	\$113,750	\$247,000	\$234,000	\$370,500

Source of estimated dutiable import data: Industry estimates.

Contacts with domestic firms/organizations (including the proponent):

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.

Name of firm/organization	Date contacted	Claim US makes same or competing product(s)?	Submission attached?	Opposition noted?
		(Yes/No)		
BASF Corporation (Proponent) Tom Coleman, 202-289-3900 Greg Thies, Fax: 202-558-5101	07/26/2006	No	No	No
AtoFina Cerex Charles Kitchin, Fax: 703-527-2092	07/26/2006	No	No	No
Bayer Corporate Services Karen Niedermeyer, Fax: 412-777-4740	07/26/2006	No	No	No
Bayer CropScience Will Hensley, Fax: 202-737-8909	07/26/2006	No	No	No
Crop Life America Lawrence Norton, Fax: 202-463-0474	07/26/2006	No	No	No
Dow AgroSciences Lisa Schroeter, Fax: 202-429-3467 Max Turnipseed, Fax: 225-383-0590	07/26/2006	No	No	No
DuPont Helen McMahon, Fax: 302-355-2994	07/26/2006	No	No	No
FMC Corp. Jerry Prout, Fax: 202-956-5235	07/26/2006	No	No	No
LANXESS Corp. Jamie B. Schaeffer, Fax: 412-809-3614 Seth Tomei, 412-809-3666	07/26/2006	No	No	No
Monsanto Corp. Linda Strachan, Fax: 202-789-1867 Michael Parrish, Fax: 202-789-1867	07/26/2006	No	No	No
Syngenta Crop Protection Mike Blythe, Fax: 336-632-6084 Dawn Stump, Fax: 202-347-7772	07/26/2006	No	No	No
Valent USA Robin Demouth, Fax: 925-256-2776	07/26/2006	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. 3166

To suspend temporarily the duty on Methyl 3-(trifluoromethyl)benzoate.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 25, 2006

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

A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on Methyl 3-(trifluoromethyl)benzoate.

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 3-(TRIFLUOROMETHYL)BENZOATE.**

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:

“	9902.29.15	Methyl 3-(trifluoromethyl)benzoate (CAS No. 2557-13-3) (provided for in sub-heading 2916.39.45)	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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