

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. 3169 (Mr. Christopher S. Bond of Missouri).

Proponent name, location: BASF Corporation, Palmyra, MO.

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)):

4-(Trifluoromethoxy)phenyl isocyanate (CAS No. 35037-73-1) (provided for in subheading 2929.10.55).

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:

4-(Trifluoromethoxy)phenyl isocyanate is a synthetic organic chemical that is used by the proponent as an intermediate in the production of an insecticide, which controls caterpillars and beetles on cotton plants. BASF imports the subject product from Germany.

Estimated effect on customs revenue:

HTS subheading: <u>2929.10.55</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	\$750,000	\$1,300,000	\$2,800,000	\$2,600,000	\$2,600,000
Customs revenue loss	\$48,750	\$84,500	\$182,000	\$169,000	\$169,000

Source of estimated dutiable import data: Industry estimates.

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

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.

Name of firm/organization	Date contacted	Claim US makes same or competing product(s)?	Submission attached?	Opposition noted?
		(Yes/No)		
BASF Corporation (Proponent) Greg Thies, Fax: 202-558-5101	07/19/2006	No	No	No
Bayer CropScience Williams Hensley, Fax: 202-737-8909 Karen L. Niedermeyer, Fax: 412-777-4740	07/19/2006	No	No	No
Crop Life America Lawrence Norton, Fax: 202-463-0474	07/19/2006	No	No	No
Dow AgroScience Max Turnipseed, Fax: 225-383-0590 Lisa Schroeter, Fax: 202-429-3467	07/19/2006	No	No	No
DuPont Helen McMahon, Fax: 302-355-2994	07/19/2006	No	No	No
FMC Jerry Prout, Fax: 202-956-5235	07/19/2006	No	No	No
LANXESS Corporation Jamie B. Schaeffer, Fax: 412-809-3614	07/19/2006	No	No	No
Monsanto Corporation Michael Parrish, Fax: 202-789-1867 Linda Strachan, Fax: 202-789-1867	07/19/2006	No	No	No
Syngenta Mike Blythe, Fax: 336-632-6084 Dawn Stomp, Fax: 202-347-7772	07/19/2006	No	No	No
Valent USA Robin Demouth, Fax: 925-256-2776	07/19/2006	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. 3169

To suspend temporarily the duty on 4-(Trifluoromethoxy)phenyl isocyanate.

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 4-
(Trifluoromethoxy)phenyl isocyanate.

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. 4-(TRIFLUOROMETHOXY)PHENYL ISOCYANATE.**

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:

“	9902.29.11	4-(Trifluoromethoxy)phenyl isocyanate (CAS No. 35037-73-1) (provided for in subheading 2929.10.55)	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

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

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