

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

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

[Date approved: October 26, 2006]²

Bill No. and sponsor: S. 3208 (Mr. Frank R. Lautenberg of New Jersey).

Proponent name, location: Solvay Solexis, Inc., Thorofare, NJ.

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)):

Methoxycarbonyl-terminated perfluorinated polyoxymethylene-polyoxyethylene (CAS No. 107852-49-3) (provided for in subheading 3907.20.00).

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:

The subject product is a functional perfluoropolyether that is synthesized from a proprietary process which is based on the photo oxidation of tetrafluoroethylene monomer. It is a dimethyl carboxylate derivative of perfluoropolyoxy alkane. It is described as a clear, colorless, low viscosity liquid. The product is used for polymer modifications and polymerizations, and for surface of optical elements, retro-reflective sheeting, pavement markings and beaded projection screens. It may also be used as a lubricant film for thin-film disks. The subject product is imported from Italy.

Estimated effect on customs revenue:

HTS subheading: 3907.20.00					
	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	\$1,033,000	\$1,135,000	\$1,250,000	\$1,375,000	\$1,500,000
Customs revenue loss	\$67,145	\$73,775	\$81,250	\$89,375	\$97,500

Source of estimated dutiable import data: Commission and industry estimates.

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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)		
Solvay Solexis, Inc. (Proponent) Max Turnipseed, 225-338-0310 Andrew Jones, 856-251-3410	08/01/2006	No	No	No
AGC Chemicals Americas, Inc. (Asahi) Winn Darden, 805-583-5917 Jeff Neeley, 202-530-8503	08/02/2006	No	No	No
Bayer Corporation Karen Niedermeyer, 412-777-2058	08/02/2006	No	No	No
Ciba Specialty Chemicals John Demming, 302-479-5499	08/03/2006	No	No	No
Daikin America, Inc. Tison Keel, 845-365-9566 Liesl Lim, 845-365-9505	08/02/2006	No	No	No
Dow Chemical Company Lisa Schroeter, 202-429-3400	08/02/2006	No	No	No
DuPont Elaine M. Olsen, 302-992-2263 John D. Colven, 302-999-2091	08/02/2006	No	No	No
Dyneon (3M) John Scanlon, 651-733-1519	08/02/2006	No	No	No
LANXESS Corporation Jamie Schaeffer, 412-809-3666	08/02/2006	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. 3208

To suspend temporarily the duty on Methoxycarbonyl-terminated perfluorinated polyoxymethylene-polyoxyethylene.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 25, 2006

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

A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on Methoxycarbonyl-terminated perfluorinated polyoxymethylene-polyoxyethylene.

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. METHOXYCARBONYL-TERMINATED**
4 **PERFLUORINATED POLYOXYMETHYLENE-**
5 **POLYOXYETHYLENE.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 99 of
7 the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States is
8 amended by inserting in numerical sequence the following
9 new heading:

“	9902.39.20	Methoxycarbonyl-terminated perfluorinated polyoxymethylene- polyoxyethylene (CAS No. 107852-49-3) (provided for in subheading 3907.20.00)	Free	No change	No change	On or before 12/31/2009	”.
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1 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by
2 this section shall apply with respect to goods entered, or
3 withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after
4 the 15th day after the date of enactment of this Act.

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