

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20436

**MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION  
of the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress<sup>1</sup>**

[Date approved: October 26, 2006]<sup>2</sup>

**Bill No. and sponsor:** S. 3210 (Mr. Frank R. Lautenberg of New Jersey).

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

**Other bills on product (109<sup>th</sup> 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)):**

Ethene, tetrafluoro-oxidized, polymerized reduced, methyl esters, reduced, ethoxylated (CAS No. 162492-15-1) (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:**

Ethene, tetrafluoro-oxidized, polymerized reduced, methyl esters, reduced, ethoxylated is a synthetic organic chemical that is used as a low refractive index coating for optical fibers. Solvay Solexis imports the product from Italy.

**Estimated effect on customs revenue:**

HTS subheading: <u>3907.20.00</u>					
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
<del>Col. 1-General rate of duty</del>	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$114,000	\$214,000	\$242,000	\$266,000	\$292,000
Customs revenue loss	\$7,410	\$13,910	\$15,730	\$17,290	\$18,980

Source of estimated dutiable import data: Industry estimates.

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

<sup>1</sup> Industry analyst preparing report: Philip Stone (202-205-3424); Tariff Affairs contact: David Michels (202-205-3440).

<sup>2</sup> Access to an electronic copy of this memorandum is available at [http://usitc.gov/tata/hts/other/rel\\_doc/bill\\_reports/index.htm](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)		
Solvay Solexis, Inc. (Proponent) Andrew Jones, 856-251-3410	07/25/2006	No	No	No
Abbott Elaine Leavenworth, Fax: 202-783-6631	08/03/2006	No	No	No
American Chemistry Council Jim O'Connor, Fax: 703-741-6922	08/03/2006	No	No	No
Asahi Glass Chemicals Jeff Neeley, 202-530-8503	08/03/2006	No	No	No
Bayer Corporation Julie Van Egmund, Fax: 202-737-8909 Karen L. Niedermeyer, Fax: 412-777-4740	08/03/2006	No	No	No
Biddle Sawyer William Thonack, Fax: 212-239-1089	08/03/2006	No	No	No
Ciba Specialty Chemicals John Demming, Fax: 302-479-5152	08/03/2006	No	No	No
DuPont Elaine Olsen, 302-992-2263	08/03/2006	No	No	No
Eastman Chemical Company Jorge San Pedro, Fax: 703-524-7707 Greg Riddle, Fax: 703-524-7707	08/03/2006	No	No	No
Honeywell International Art Simonetti, Fax: 202-662-2675	08/03/2006	No	No	No
Monsanto Corporation Michael Parrish, Fax: 202-789-1867 Linda Strachan, Fax: 202-789-1867	08/03/2006	No	No	No
Rhodia Dominick Cangiano, Fax: 609-860-2256	08/03/2006	No	No	No
Solutia Dan Jenkins, Fax: 314-674-1585 Sue Cannon, Fax: 314-674-1585	08/03/2006	No	No	No
Uniroyal Chemical Company Lloyd Moon, Fax: 203-573-4430	08/03/2006	No	No	No

**Technical comments:**<sup>3</sup>

The Commission suggests that the article description on page 1 of this report be used in the proposed new heading in order to insert a comma after the primary chemical.

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<sup>3</sup> 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  
2D SESSION

# S. 3210

To suspend temporarily the duty on Ethene tetrafluoro-oxidized, polymerized reduced, methyl esters, reduced, ethoxylated.

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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

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## A BILL

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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. ETHENE TETRAFLUORO-OXIDIZED, POLYM-**  
4 **ERIZED REDUCED, METHYL ESTERS, RE-**  
5 **DUCED, ETHOXYLATED.**

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:

“	9902.39.18	Ethene tetrafluoro-oxidized, polymerized reduced, methyl esters, reduced, ethoxylated (CAS No. 162492-15-1) (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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