

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. 3214 (Mr. Frank R. Lautenberg of New Jersey).

Proponent name, location: Honeywell International, Inc., Morristown, 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)):

3,4-Dimethylbenzene, 1,1'-[2,2,2-trifluoro-1-(trifluoromethyl)ethylidene]bis- (CAS No. 65294-20-4)
(provided for in subheading 2903.69.80).

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 chemical is a synthetic organic intermediate that is used in the production of fluorinated polymers. These polymers, due to their unique physical properties such as heat stability, resistance to solvents, and mechanical strength, are then used in a broad spectrum of high-technology materials applications such as panel displays, aerospace materials, and fuel cells. The subject product is imported from Germany.

Estimated effect on customs revenue:

HTS subheading: 2903.69.80					
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Col. 1-General rate of duty					
Col. 1-General rate of duty	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
Customs revenue loss	\$82,500	\$82,500	\$82,500	\$82,500	\$82,500

Source of estimated dutiable import data: Industry estimates.

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.

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?
Honeywell International, Inc. (Proponent) Art Simonetti, Fax: 202-662-2675	07/24/2006 08/03/2006	No	No	No
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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 incorporate the correct chemical name and HTS subheading reference.

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
2D SESSION

S. 3214

To suspend temporarily the duty on certain specialty monomers.

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 certain specialty monomers.

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. CERTAIN SPECIALTY MONOMERS.**

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	Benzene, 1,1'-(2,2,2-trifluoro-1-(trifluoromethyl)ethylidene)bis[3,4-dimethyl- (CAS No. 65294-20-4) (provided for in subheading 2903.30.20)	Free	No change	No change	On or before 12/31/2009	”.
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1 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by
2 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to goods entered,
3 or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after
4 the date that is 15 days after the date of the enactment
5 of this Act.

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