

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

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

[Date approved: September 27, 2006]²

Bill No. and sponsor: S. 3284 (Mrs. Dianne Feinstein of California).

Proponent name, location: Hitachi Chemical Company America, Ltd.

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)):

Pressure-sensitive adhesive film sheet, measuring less than 100 micrometers in thickness, with substrate of polypropylene (CAS No. 9010-79-1) and adhesive based on styrene-ethylene-butylene copolymer (CAS No. 9003-55-8) (provided for in subheading 3919.90.50).

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 consists of a co-extruded polypropylene film with pressure-sensitive styrene-ethylene-butylene copolymer. Film of this nature is thin and transparent, ranging in thickness from about 40 to 70 micrometers (microns), or 160 to 280 gauge equivalent. It is shipped in rolls with either 3-inch or 6-inch plastic cores. This product is used as a masking film to protect optical diffuser (OD) and enhancement (E) sheets when these sheets are being processed and shipped. OD/E sheets are critical to the manufacture of LCD screens for cell phones, TV monitors, etc. The film can be removed without leaving any residue. This product is imported from the proponent's plant in Japan.

¹ Industry analyst preparing report: Ray Cantrell (202-205-3362); Tariff Affairs contact: Jan Summers (202-205-2605).

² Access to an electronic copy of this memorandum is available at http://usitc.gov/tata/hts/other/rel_doc/bill_reports/index.htm.

Estimated effect on customs revenue:

HTS subheading: 3919.90.50					
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Col. 1-General rate of duty	5.8%	5.8%	5.8%	5.8%	5.8%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports ⁰	\$1,800,000	\$2,100,000	\$2,400,000	\$2,700,000	\$3,000,000
Customs revenue loss	\$104,400	\$121,800	\$139,200	\$156,600	\$174,000

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

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)	
Hitachi Chem. Co. America, Ltd. (Proponent) Mr. Kei Wegner, 408-873-2200, ext. 104 Mr. Max Turnipseed, 225-338-0310	08/22/2006	No	No	No
AET Films Mr. Elmer Bowman, 302-326-5500	08/23/2006	No	No	No
Avery Dennison Corporation Mr. Igor Cerc, 440-358-6209	08/24/2006	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bayer Corporation Ms. Karen Niedermeyer, 412-777-2058	08/12/2006	No	No	No
Dow Chemical Company Ms. Lisa Schroeter, 202-429-3400	08/22/2006	No	No	No
DuPont Ms. Helen McMahon, 302-992-2263	08/22/2006	No	No	No
ExxonMobil Films Mr. Ral Maska, 315-966-1582	08/23/2006	No	No	No
LANXESS Corporation Ms. Jamie Schaeffer, 412-809-3666	08/22/2006	No	No	No
3M Company Mr. David Olsen, 651-733-4459	08/19/2006	Yes	Yes	Yes
Steiner Film, Inc. Mr. Stan Cichanowski, 413-458-9525, ext. 111	08/23/2006	No	No	No
Toray Plastics (America), Inc. Mr. Todd Eckles, 401-294-4511	08/23/2006	No	No	No

Technical comments:³

Based on our conversations with the proponent's representatives, we suggest that the article description be modified as shown on page 1 of this report. However, we recommend consulting Customs to verify the HTS classification and appropriate description of this product (see attachment); additional information from the proponent may be needed.⁴

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.

⁴ Staff interview with, and e-mail correspondence from, Ms. Joan Mazzola, National Import Specialist, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, New York, NY, August 31, 2006.

109TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 3284

To suspend temporarily the duty on pressure sensitive film with adhesive based on styrene-ethylene-butylene copolymer.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 26, 2006

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

A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on pressure sensitive film with adhesive based on styrene-ethylene-butylene copolymer.

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. PRESSURE SENSITIVE FILM WITH ADHESIVE**
4 **BASED ON STYRENE-ETHYLENE-BUTYLENE**
5 **COPOLYMER.**

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:

“	9902.39.19	Pressure sensitive adhesive film sheet; thickness less than 100 micrometers with substrate of polypropylene (CAS No. 9010-79-1) and adhesive based on styrene-ethylene-butylene copolymer (CAS No. 9003-55-8) (provided for in sub-heading 3919.90.50)	Free	No change	No change	On or before 12/31/2009	”.
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1 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by
2 subsection (a) applies to goods entered, or withdrawn from
3 warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after
4 the date of the enactment of this Act.

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