

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. 3347 (Mr. Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania).

**Proponent name, location:** Eastman Chemical Company, Kingsport, TN.

**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)):**

Polymerized rosin acids (CAS No. 65997-05-9) (provided for in subheading 3806.90.00).

**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:**

No information was available on the specific chemical for which duty suspension is requested, its uses, or its import sources. Historically, most imports entered under this basket category have come from China, Canada, and the Netherlands.

**Estimated effect on customs revenue:**

HTS subheading: <u>3806.90.00</u>					
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
<del>Col. 1-General rate of duty</del>					
Col. 1-General rate of duty	4.2%	4.2%	4.2%	4.2%	4.2%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$8,000,000	\$8,000,000	\$8,000,000	\$8,000,000	\$8,000,000
Customs revenue loss	\$336,000	\$336,000	\$336,000	\$336,000	\$336,000

Source of estimated dutiable import data: Commission estimates based on official U.S. Government statistics.

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

<sup>1</sup> Industry analyst preparing report: Robert Randall (202-205-3366); 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 <u>1</u> /	Date contacted	Claim US makes same or competing product(s)?	Submission attached?	Opposition noted?
		(Yes/No)		
Eastman Chemical Company (Proponent) Jorge San Pedro, 703-524-7653	08/22/2006	No	No	No
Akzo Nobel Resins Product Manager, Fax: 912-367-5754	08/28/2006	No	No	No
Arizona Chemical Co., Inc. Product Manager, Fax: 904-928-8779	08/28/2006	No	No	No
J.H. Calo Company, Inc. Product Manager, Fax: 516-832-7758	08/28/2006	No	No	No
Crowley Chemical Co. Product Manager, Fax: 212-953-3487	08/28/2006	No	No	No
Del Amo Chemical Co. Product Manager, Fax: 310-719-1342	08/28/2006	No	No	No
Ecolink, Inc. Product Manager, Fax: 770-621-8245	08/28/2006	No	No	No
Georgia-Pacific Resins Product Manager, Fax: 404-749-2682	08/28/2006	No	No	No
Hercules, Inc. Product Manager, Fax: 302-594-6664	08/28/2006	No	No	No
International Paper Co. Product Manager, Fax: 203-541-8200	08/28/2006	No	No	No
Lonza, Inc. Product Manager, Fax: 201-795-9989	08/28/2006	No	No	No
Loos & Dilworth, Inc. Product Manager, Fax: 215-785-3597	08/28/2006	No	No	No
Mil-Spec Industries Corp. Product Manager, Fax: 516-625-0988	08/28/2006	No	No	No
Natrochem, Inc. Product Manager, Fax: 912-236-1919	08/28/2006	No	No	No
Naval Stores Co. of New York Product Manager, Fax: 914-664-9383	08/28/2006	No	No	No
Roger A. Reed, Inc. Product Manager, Fax: 781-942-1831	08/28/2006	No	No	No
Resinall Corp. Henry Boswell, Fax: 203-329-0167	08/28/2006	Yes	Yes	Yes

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Rit-Chem Co., Inc. Product Manager, Fax: 914-769-1408	08/28/2006	No	No	No
Frank B. Ross Co. Product Manager, Fax: 732-669-0814	08/28/2006	No	No	No
Sovereign Chemical Co. Product Manager, Fax: 330-869-0518	08/28/2006	No	No	No
Sovereign Products Inc. Product Manager, Fax: 718-852-5616	08/28/2006	No	No	No
Westvaco Corp., Oleochemicals Dept. Product Manager, Fax: 843-740-2148	08/28/2006	No	No	No
Westvaco Corp., Polychemicals Dept. Product Manager, Fax: 843-740-2147	08/28/2006	No	No	No

<sup>1/</sup> Domestic firms and organizations were identified using company directories and internet research. Individual contacts at each firm or organization were not identified.

**Technical comments:**<sup>3</sup> None.

<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.

109<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# S. 3347

To suspend temporarily the duty on polymerized rosin acids.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 26, 2006

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

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## A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on polymerized rosin acids.

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. POLYMERIZED ROSIN ACIDS.**

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:

“ 9902.38.06	Polymerized rosin acids (CAS No. 65997-05-9) (provided for in sub-heading 3806.90.00) .....	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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