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	United States RNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
	MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION of the 112th Congress
	Date approved June 21, 2012
I. Background	
Bill number: H.R. 4	441
Sponsor name: Mr. Sponsor state: LA	Bill Cassidy
Interested entity:	
Name Rhodia	
City Baton F	Rouge
State LA	
Other bills on product	(112th Congress only): None
Nature of bill: Tem	aporary duty suspension
Expiration date: Dec	ember 31, 2015
Current or previous ch	apter 99 heading: None
Retroactive date:	None
CAS number (if applica	ble): 358–23–06
In duration and a burst	
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Note:

1. Access to an electronic copy of this memorandum is available at <u>http://www.usitc.gov/tariff_affairs/congress_reports/.</u>

2. In regard to the country(ies) of origin listed in section III, this report focuses on dutiable imports and does not take into account any tariff preference programs or special rates of duty.

II. Suggested article description(s) for enactment (including appropriate HTS subheading(s)):

Trifluoromethanesulfonic anhydride (triflic anhydride) (CAS No. 358–23–06) (provided for in subheading 2904.90.50)

(If enacted, the tariff relief provided for in this bill would be available to any entity that imports the product that is covered by the bill.)

Description above compared with bill as introduced:

Same

☑ Different (see Technical Comments section)

III. Other product information, including uses/applications and source(s) of imports

This liquid organic compound is used as a catalyst to synthesize other chemicals. This product is imported from France.

IV. Estimated effect on customs revenue

Subject product HTS subheading(s)	2904.90.50				
ltem	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Col.1-general rate of duty (%) or percentage point reduction	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.7
Estimated value of <i>dutiable</i> imports (\$)	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000
Customs revenue loss (\$)	185,000	185,000	185,000	185,000	185,000

Note: Customs revenue loss is provided for 5 years, although the effective period of the proposed legislation may differ. Regarding the HTS subheading listed in the article description of the bill, the Commission may express an opinion on the HTS classification of a product to facilitate consideration of the bill. However, by law, only U.S. Customs and Border Protection is authorized to issue a binding ruling on this matter. The Commission believes that Customs should be consulted prior to enactment of the bill.

Dutiable imports were based on (more than one may apply):

Official statistics of the U.S. Department of Commerce

Provided by industry sources

□ Industry information

⊠ Commission estimates

Duty reduction notes:

 \boxtimes This bill is not a duty reduction

This bill is a temporary duty reduction. Rates are shown below.

Col.1-general duty rate (%)

Temporary rate (%)

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Percentage point reduction (%)

V. Technical comments

Staff suggests that the article description be consistent with IUPAC nomenclature and retain the common name of this compound.

VI. Continuation

VII. Contacts with domestic firms/organizations

#	Firm/organization and contact name	Telephone number	Claims same or competing product made in the United States	Submission attached	Opposition noted
1	Rhodia (Interested entity) Jackie Guscott	609-860-3379	No	No	No
2	3M Greg Walters	202-414-3008	No	No	No
3	Albaugh Stuart Feldstein	515-964-9444	No	No	No
4	Arkema David Kunz	202-263-3491	No	No	No
5	BASF Richard J. Salamone	973-895-8316	No	No	No
6	Bayer Steve Johnsen	412-777-5616	No	No	No
7	Celanese Samuel Ramirez	972-443-4689	No	No	No
8	Chemtura Elizabeth J. Thomasino	203-573-2644	No	No	No
9	Clariant Andrew Zamoyski	202-415-9159	No	No	No
10	Crowell & Moring, LLP Mike Gill	202-508-8843	No	No	No
11	DSM Sheetal Bhadekar	973-257-8323	No	No	No
	Dixie Chemical Mal Johnson	281-291-2659	No	No	No
13	Dow Chemical Co. Lisa Schroeter	202-429-3407	No	No	No
	Drexel Chemical Stanley Bernard	901-774-4370	No	No	No
15	DuPont Elaine M. Olsen	302-992-2263	No	No	No
16	Eastman Greg Riddle	212-835-1620	No	No	No
17	Emerald Performance Materials Thomas Dirmyer	330-916-6706	No	No	No
101	Evonik Russell Mait	804-452-5711	No	No	No

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19	FMC Jerry Prout	202-956-5209	No	No	No
20	Fanwood Chemical V. M. (Jim) DeLisi	908-322-8440	No	No	No
21	Honeywell Art Simonetti	202-662-2671	No	No	No
22	Kemira Rajesh Sharma	678-819-4577	No	No	No
23	LANXESS Corp. Jamie B. Schaeffer	412-809-3666	No	No	No
24	Lonza Joe Robinson	201-316-9364	No	No	No
25	Monsanto James K. Travis	202-383-2864	No	No	No
26	Nation Ford Chemical Jay Dickson	803-548-3210, x15	No	No	No
27	Nufarm Emily Lawson	206-621-7878	No	No	No
28	PPG Industries Inc. Bill Ries	412-434-1717	No	No	No
29	Procter & Gamble Matt Mattingley	202-841-5601	No	No	No
30	Royce Associates, ALP Terry Scheirer	201-438-5200	No	No	No
31	Sensient Technologies Ken Goldacker	314-658-7363	No	No	No
32	Sigma Aldrich Jared Fenton	314-286-8326	No	No	No
33	Solutia Kassie Wooton	314-674-3297	No	No	No
34	Solvay Andrew K. Jones	856-251-3412	No	No	No
35	Symrise Elizabeth Scharlat	908-429-6821	No	No	No
36	Syngenta Mike Blythe	336-632-2824	No	No	No
37	Valent Robin Demouth	925-256-2758	No	No	No

112TH CONGRESS 2D SESSION H.R.4441

To suspend temporarily the rate of duty on Triflic Anhydride.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

April 19, 2012

Mr. CASSIDY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

To suspend temporarily the rate of duty on Triflic Anhydride.

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. TRIFLIC ANHYDRIDE.

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:

"	9902.01.00	Triflic Anhydride (CAS					
		No. 358–23–06) (provided					
		for in subheading					
		2904.90.50)	Free	No change	No change	On or before	
						12/31/2015	".

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
 subsection (a) applies to articles entered, or withdrawn
 from warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day
 after the date of the enactment of this Act.