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|  | United States<br>RNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION                        |
|  | MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION<br>of the 112th Congress |
|  | Date approved June 21, 2012  |
| I. Background                            |  |
| Bill number: H.R. 4                      | 514  |
| Sponsor name: Mr. H<br>Sponsor state: NC | Ioward Coble   |
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| Interested entity:                       | 1  |
| Name Syngent                             |  |
| City Greensb                             |  |
| State NC                                 |  |
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| Other bills on product (                 | 112th Congress only): None   |
| Nature of bill: Exten                    | nsion of temporary duty suspension                                 |
|  | mber 31, 2015  |
|  |  |
| Current or previous cha                  | pter 99 heading: 9902.12.53  |
|  |  |
| Retroactive date:                        | None   |
| CAS number (if applical                  | ble): 119446–68–3, 70630–17–0, 69516–34–3                          |
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| Industry analyst:                        | Elizabeth R. Nesbitt   |
| Telephone:                               | 202-205-3355   |
| Tariff Affairs contact:                  | David Michels  |
| Telephone:                               | 202-205-3440   |

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)):

Mixtures of 1H-1,2,4-triazole, 1-((2-chlorophenoxy)-phenyl)–4-methyl-1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)methyl)- (Difenoconazole) (CAS No. 119446–68–3), (R,S)–2-((2,6-dimethylphenyl)methoxyacetylamino) propionic acid, methyl ester (Mefenoxam) (CAS Nos. 70630–17–0 or 69516–34–3) and application adjuvants (provided for in subheading 3808.92.15)

(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

The product, a mixture of fungicides, is a seed treatment used to prevent development of fungal disease on crops.

#### IV. Estimated effect on customs revenue

Subject product HTS subheading(s) 3808.92.15

| Subject product in 5 subficulting(5)                         | 500.92.15 |           |           |           |           |  |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--|
| ltem   | 2013      | 2014      | 2015      | 2016      | 2017      |  |
| Col.1-general rate of duty (%) or percentage point reduction | 6.5       | 6.5       | 6.5       | 6.5       | 6.5       |  |
| Estimated value of <i>dutiable</i> imports (\$)              | 3,000,000 | 2,500,000 | 2,500,000 | 2,500,000 | 2,500,000 |  |
| Customs revenue loss (\$)                                    | 195,000   | 162,500   | 162,500   | 162,500   | 162,500   |  |

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 (%)

te (%)

Percentage point reduction (%)

#### V. Technical comments

The article description has been modified to conform with HTS usage.

#### **VI. Continuation**

### VII. Contacts with domestic firms/organizations

| #  | Firm/organization and contact name              | Telephone number | Claims same or<br>competing product<br>made in the United<br>States | Submission<br>attached | Opposition<br>noted |
|----|---|------------------|---|------------------------|---------------------|
| 1  | Syngenta (Interested entity)<br>Mike Blythe     | 336-632-2824     | No  | No                     | No                  |
| 2  | 3M<br>Greg Walters                              | 202-414-3008     | No  | No                     | No                  |
| 3  | Arkema<br>David Kunz                            | 202-263-3491     | No  | No                     | No                  |
| 4  | BASF<br>Richard J. Salamone                     | 973-895-8316     | No  | No                     | No                  |
| 5  | Bayer<br>Steve Johnsen                          | 412-777-5616     | No  | No                     | No                  |
| 6  | Celanese<br>Samuel Ramirez                      | 972-443-4689     | No  | No                     | No                  |
| 7  | Chemtura<br>Elizabeth J. Thomasino              | 203-573-2644     | No  | No                     | No                  |
| 8  | Clariant<br>Andrew Zamoyski                     | 202-415-9159     | No  | No                     | No                  |
| 9  | Crowell & Moring, LLP<br>Mike Gill              | 202-508-8843     | No  | No                     | No                  |
| 10 | DSM<br>Sheetal Bhadekar                         | 973-257-8323     | No  | No                     | No                  |
| 11 | Dixie Chemical<br>Mal Johnson                   | 281-291-2659     | No  | No                     | No                  |
| 12 | Dow Chemical Co.<br>Lisa Schroeter              | 202-429-3407     | No  | No                     | No                  |
| 13 | Drexel Chemical<br>Stanley Bernard              | 901-774-4370     | No  | No                     | No                  |
| 14 | DuPont<br>Elaine M. Olsen                       | 302-992-2263     | No  | No                     | No                  |
| 15 | Eastman<br>Greg Riddle                          | 212-835-1620     | No  | No                     | No                  |
| 16 | Emerald Performance Materials<br>Thomas Dirmyer | 330-916-6706     | No  | No                     | No                  |
| 17 | Evonik<br>Russell Mait                          | 804-452-5711     | No  | No                     | No                  |
| 18 | FMC<br>Jerry Prout                              | 202-956-5209     | No  | No                     | No                  |

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|----|---|-------------------|---|------------------------|---------------------|
| 19 | Fanwood Chemical<br>V. M. (Jim) DeLisi  | 908-322-8440      | No  | No                     | No                  |
| 20 | Honeywell<br>Art Simonetti              | 202-662-2671      | No  | No                     | No                  |
| 21 | Kemira<br>Rajesh Sharma                 | 678-819-4577      | No  | No                     | No                  |
| 22 | LANXESS<br>Jamie B. Schaeffer           | 412-809-3666      | No  | No                     | No                  |
| 23 | Lonza<br>Joe Robinson                   | 201-316-9364      | No  | No                     | No                  |
| 24 | Monsanto<br>James K. Travis             | 202-383-2864      | No  | No                     | No                  |
| 25 | Nation Ford Chemical<br>Jay Dickson     | 803-548-3210, x15 | No  | No                     | No                  |
| 26 | Nufarm Americas<br>Joel Junker          | 206-621-7878      | No  | No                     | No                  |
| 27 | PPG Industries<br>Bill Ries             | 412-434-1717      | No  | No                     | No                  |
| 28 | Procter & Gamble<br>Matt Mattingley     | 202-841-5601      | No  | No                     | No                  |
| 29 | Purolite<br>Gary Thundercliffe          | 484-384 2708      | No  | No                     | No                  |
| 30 | Royce Associates, ALP<br>Terry Scheirer | 201-438-5200      | No  | No                     | No                  |
| 31 | SOCMA<br>Robert E. Branand, Esq.        | 202-345-2717      | No  | No                     | No                  |
| 32 | Sensient Technologies<br>Ken Goldacker  | 314-658-7363      | No  | No                     | No                  |
| 33 | Sigma-Aldrich<br>Jared Fenton           | 314-286-8326      | No  | No                     | No                  |
| 34 | Solutia<br>Kassie Wooton                | 314-674-3297      | No  | No                     | No                  |
| 35 | Solvay<br>Andrew K. Jones               | 856-251-3412      | No  | No                     | No                  |
| 36 | Symrise<br>Elizabeth Scharlat           | 908-429-6821      | No  | No                     | No                  |
| 37 | Valent<br>Robin Demouth                 | 925-256-2758      | No  | No                     | No                  |

# <sup>112TH CONGRESS</sup> **H. R. 4514**

To extend the temporary suspension of duty on certain mixtures of Difenoconazole and Mefenoxam.

#### IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

April 24, 2012

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

## A BILL

To extend the temporary suspension of duty on certain mixtures of Difenoconazole and Mefenoxam.

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 MIXTURES OF DIFENOCONAZOLE AND
 4 MEFENOXAM.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Heading 9902.12.53 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (relating to
certain mixtures of Difenoconazole and Mefenoxam) is
amended by striking "12/31/2012" and inserting "12/31/
2015".

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