



MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION of the 112th Congress

Date approved

I. Background

Bill number:

Sponsor name:

Sponsor state:

Interested entity:

Name

City

State

Other bills on product (112th Congress only):

Nature of bill:

Expiration date:

Current or previous chapter 99 heading:

Retroactive date:

CAS number (if applicable):

Industry analyst:

Telephone:

Tariff Affairs contact:

Telephone:

Note:

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

Ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymers, other than those in aqueous dispersions, containing 50 percent or more by weight vinyl acetate monomer (CAS No. 24937-78-8) (provided for in subheading 3905.29.00)

(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 encompasses a family of granular ethylene-acetate copolymers used in a variety of applications, including the wire and cable, adhesives and sealant, packaging and film industries. A new and growing application is for automotive air bags. This product is imported from Germany.

IV. Estimated effect on customs revenue

Table with 6 columns: Item, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017. Rows include Subject product HTS subheading(s) (3905.29.00), Col.1-general rate of duty (%), Estimated value of dutiable imports (\$), and Customs revenue loss (\$).

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:

- 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 (%) [] Percentage point reduction (%) []

V. Technical comments

None

VI. Continuation

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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	LANXESS (Interested entity) Jamie Schaeffer	412-809-3666	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	Ashland Frank Fusiak	973-628-4123	No	No	No
6	BASF Richard J. Salamone	973-895-8316	No	No	No
7	Bayer Steve Johnsen	412-777-5616	No	No	No
8	Bayer CropScience Jean Reimers	202-756-3779	No	No	No
9	Celanese Samuel Ramirez	972-443-4689	No	No	No
10	Chemtura Elizabeth J. Thomasino	203-573-2644	No	No	No
11	Clariant Andrew Zamoyski	202-415-9159	No	No	No
12	ColorChem Steven Printz	770-993-5500, x18	No	No	No
13	CropLife America Beau Greenwood	202-872-3871	No	No	No
14	Crowell & Moring, LLP Mike Gill	202-508-8843	No	No	No
15	DSM Sheetal Bhadekar	973-257-8323	No	No	No
16	Dixie Chemical Mal Johnson	281-291-2659	No	No	No
17	Dow Chemical Co. Lisa Schroeter	202-429-3407	No	No	No
18	Drexel Chemical Stanley Bernard	901-774-4370	No	No	No

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19	DuPont Elaine M. Olsen	302-992-2263	No	No	No
20	DyStar L.P. Megan Malone	202-344-4621	No	No	No
21	Eastman Greg Riddle	212-835-1620	No	No	No
22	Efficient Global Trade Henry P. Stobenau	215-628-4919	No	No	No
23	Emerald Performance Materials Thomas Dirmyer	330-916-6706	No	No	No
24	Evonik Russell Mait	804-452-5711	No	No	No
25	ExxonMobil Chemical Co. Chad Haughton	281-834-5516	No	No	No
26	FMC Jerry Prout	202-956-5209	No	No	No
27	Fanwood Chemical V. M. (Jim) DeLisi	908-322-8440	No	No	No
28	GE Digital Energy John McNie	727-867-4632	No	No	No
29	Hexion Specialty Chemicals Paul W. Langemeier	832-366-2385	No	No	No
30	Honeywell Art Simonetti	202-662-2671	No	No	No
31	International Business-Government Counsellors (IBC) Steve Ziehm	202-872-8181	No	No	No
32	Kemira Rajesh Sharma	678-819-4577	No	No	No
33	Lonza Joe Robinson	201-316-9364	No	No	No
34	Lubrizol Joe Eskra	440-347-5955	No	No	No
35	MIRWEC Film Kyle Massey	812-331-7194	No	No	No
36	Monsanto James K. Travis	202-383-2864	No	No	No
37	Nation Ford Chemical Jay Dickson	803-548-3210, x15	No	No	No

38	Nufarm Joel Junker	206-621-7878	No	No	No
39	PPG Industries Bill Ries	412-434-1717	No	No	No
40	Procter & Gamble Matt Mattingley	202-841-5601	No	No	No
41	Purolite Gary Thundercliffe	484-384 2708	No	No	No
42	Royce Associates, ALP Terry Scheirer	201-438-5200	No	No	No
43	SABIC Innovative Plastics Danielle Cannata	202-621-2548	No	No	No
44	SOCMA Robert E. Branand, Esq.	202-345-2717	No	No	No
45	Sensient Technologies Ken Goldacker	314-658-7363	No	No	No
46	Sigma Aldrich Jared Fenton	314-286-8326	No	No	No
47	Solutia Kassie Wooton	314-674-3297	No	No	No
48	Solvay Andrew K. Jones	856-251-3412	No	No	No
49	Symrise Elizabeth Scharlat	908-429-6821	No	No	No
50	Syngenta Mike Blythe	336-632-2824	No	No	No
51	TOPAS Advanced Polymers Timothy Kneale	859-746-6447	No	No	No
52	Toray Plastics (America) Paul Knowmeyer	401-578-9369	No	No	No
53	United Color Manufacturing Tom Nowakowski	215-860-2165	No	No	No
54	Valent Robin Demouth	925-256-2758	No	No	No
55	Zeon Chemicals L.P. David F. Olave	202-730-1960	No	No	No

112TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 4636

To extend the suspension of duty on certain ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymers.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 25, 2012

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

A BILL

To extend the suspension of duty on certain ethylene-vinyl
acetate copolymers.

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 ETHYLENE-VINYL ACETATE COPOLY-**
4 **MERS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Heading 9902.24.55 of the Har-
6 monized Tariff Schedule of the United States (relating to
7 certain ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymers) is amended by
8 striking the date in the effective period column and insert-
9 ing “12/31/2015”.

10 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
11 this section applies to goods entered, or withdrawn from

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- 1 warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after
- 2 the date of the enactment of this Act.

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