



## 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/](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)):**

Normal Paraffin M (Alkanes C10-C14) (CAS No. 93924-07-3) (ASTM D-156) (provided for in subheading 2710.19.90)

(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**

Normal paraffin M is used in the production of linear alkyl benzene (LAB), which is an intermediate in detergent production. The primary sources of imports for this product are Saudi Arabia, Malaysia, Iraq, and South Korea. Other import sources include Qatar, Russia, Japan, Taiwan, and China.

**IV. Estimated effect on customs revenue**

Table with 6 columns: Item, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017. Rows include 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**

Huntsman's original request was for a temporary duty reduction from the current rate of 7% to 5.6%. However, as currently written, the bill is for a temporary duty suspension.

**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 | Huntsman<br>Mike Meroney                                       | 512-589-2531     | No   | No                  | No               |
|  | 2 | ExxonMobil Chemical Co.<br>Mike Hadcroft                       | 281-870-6000     | No   | No                  | No               |
|  | 3 | Sasol<br>John Cahill   | 337-494-5140     | No   | No                  | No               |
|  | 4 | Petresa Amerique, Inc.<br>Plant Manager, Lake Charles facility | 819-294-1414     | No   | No                  | No               |

112TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 4758

To suspend temporarily the rate of duty on Normal Paraffin M.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 25, 2012

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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## A BILL

To suspend temporarily the rate of duty on Normal Paraffin M.

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. NORMAL PARAFFIN M.**

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 | Normal Paraffin M<br>(Alkanes C10–C14) (CAS<br>No. 93924–07–3) (ASTM<br>D–156) (provided for in<br>subheading 2710.19.90) .... | Free | No change | No change | On or before<br>12/31/2015 | ”. |
|---|------------|--|------|-----------|-----------|----------------------------|----|

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2 subsection (a) applies to articles entered, or withdrawn  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

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