

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

**MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION
of the 108th Congress ¹**

[Date approved: March 18, 2004]²

Bill No. and sponsor: H.R. 1978 (Ms. Kaptur)

Proponent name, location: Perstorp Polyols, Inc.
Toledo, OH

Other bills on product (108th Congress only): None.

Nature of bill: Temporary duty suspension through December 31, 2006.

Retroactive effect: None.

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

3-Ethyl-3-oxetanemethanol (trimethylolpropane oxetane) (CAS No. 3047-32-3) (provided for in subheading 2932.99.90)

Check one: Same as that in bill as introduced
 Different from that in bill as introduced (explain differences in Technical comments section)

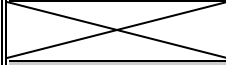
Product information, including uses/applications and source(s) of imports:

The subject product is used to make ultra-violet-light-cured inks and coatings. It is imported from Perstorp AB (Sweden).

¹ Industry analyst preparing report: Rob Randall (202-205-3366); Tariff Affairs contact: Dave Beck (202-205-2603).

² Access to an electronic copy of this memorandum is available at <http://www.usitc.gov/billrpts.htm> Access to a paper copy is available at the Commission's Law Library (202-205-3287) or at the Commission's Main Library (202-205-2630).

Estimated effect on customs revenue:

HTS subheading: <u>2932.99.90</u>					
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Col. 1-General rate of duty (AVE) <u>1/</u>	3.7%	3.7%	3.7%	3.7%	3.7%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$615,000	\$952,500	\$1,215,000	\$1,477,500	\$1,740,000
Customs revenue loss	\$22,755	\$35,243	\$44,955	\$54,668	\$64,380

1/ The AVE is the ad valorem equivalent of a specific or compound duty rate expressed as a percent, using the most recent import data available.

Source of estimated dutiable import data: Industry estimates.

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

Name of firm/organization	Date contacted	US production of same or competitive product claimed?	Submission attached?	Opposition noted?
		(Yes/No)		
Perstorp Polyols, Inc. (Proponent) Jeff Jones, (419) 729-5448	1/30/2004	No	No	No
Bayer Corp., Polyurethanes Div. Marketing Mgr., FAX (248) 475-7701	2/18/2004	No	No	No
Carbomer, Inc. Marketing Mgr., FAX (508) 898-0432	2/18/2004	No	No	No
Harvin Reaction Technology, Inc. Marketing Mgr., FAX (336) 294-0897	2/18/2004	No	No	No
Ruco Polymers Marketing Mgr., FAX (516) 931-8197	2/18/2004	No	No	No
Solvay Interlox Marketing Mgr., FAX (713) 524-9032	2/18/2004	No	No	No
Total Specialty Chemicals, Inc. Marketing Mgr., FAX (203) 966-1505	2/18/2004	No	No	No
Vopak USA Inc. Marketing Mgr., FAX (425) 889-4100	2/18/2004	No	No	No

Technical comments:³

The Chemical Abstracts name for this chemical is 3-ethyl-3-ethyl-oxetanemethanol, also known commercially as trimethylolpropane oxetane or TPO.

³ 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.

108TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1978

To suspend temporarily the duty on TMP Oxetane (TMPO).

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 6, 2003

Ms. KAPTUR introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on TMP Oxetane (TMPO).

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. TMP OXETANE (TMPO).**

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:

“	9902.07.12	Trimethylolprop- ane Oxetane (CAS No. 3047- 32-3) (provided for in subheading 2932.99.90)	Free	Free	No change	On or before 12/31/2006	”.
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8 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
9 subsection (a) applies with respect to goods entered, or

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

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