

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

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

[Date approved:: November 12, 2004]²

Bill No. and sponsor: H.R. 4770 (Mr. Baker)

Proponent name, location: Rhodia
1275 Airline Highway 70805
Baton Rouge, LA

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

Nature of bill: Temporary duty suspension through December 31, 2007.

Retroactive effect: None.

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

Glyoxylic acid (CAS No. 298-12-4) (provided for in subheading 2918.30.90)

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:

This synthetic organic chemical is used in the manufacture of synthetic vanillin and ethyl vanillin, which are, in turn, used in a variety of foods and perfumes as a flavor or fragrance additive. Rhodia imports the product from several affiliated plants in Europe.

¹ Industry analyst preparing report: Eric Land (202-205-3349); 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>2918.30.90</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	\$39,000,000	\$39,000,000	\$39,000,000	\$39,000,000	\$39,000,000
Customs revenue loss	\$1,443,000	\$1,443,000	\$1,443,000	\$1,443,000	\$1,443,000

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: Commission 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)		
Rick Valentine, Rhodia StevenV@PrestonGates.com	8/19/04	No	No	No
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John Deming, Ciba Specialty Chemicals john.deming@cibasc.com	8/19/04	No	No	No
Debbie Savage, Clariant Corporation Debbie.Savage@clariant.com	8/19/04	No	No	No
Gina Gibbs, Dow Chemical Company ggibbs@dow.com	8/19/04	No	No	No
Sharee Lawler, DuPont Chemical sharee.c.lawler@usa.dupont.com	8/19/04	No	No	No
Allison Jennings, Solutia aajenn@solutia.com	8/19/04	No	No	No

Technical comments:³

The Commission recommends the Chemical Abstracts Service registry number (CAS No.) be included in the text of the bill. See “Suggested article description,” above.

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
2D SESSION

H. R. 4770

To suspend temporarily the duty on glyoxylic acid.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 7, 2004

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

A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on glyoxylic acid.

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. GLYOXYLIC ACID.**

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:

“	9902.34.41	Glyoxylic acid (provided for in subheading 2918.30.90) ..	Free	No change	No change	On or before 12/31/2007	”.
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8 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
9 subsection (a) applies to articles entered, or withdrawn

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

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