

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

**MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION
of the 109th Congress¹**

[Date approved: August 23, 2005]²

Bill No. and sponsor: H.R. 178 (Mr. Gary Miller).

Proponent name, location: E.T. Horn Company
16141 Heron Avenue
La Mirada, California 90638

Other bills on product (109th Congress only): None.

Nature of bill: Temporary duty suspension through December 31, 2014.

Retroactive effect: None.

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

Dichloroethyl ether (CAS No. 111-44-4) (provided for in subheading 2909.19.18)

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:

Dichloroethyl ether, imported from Japan, is used to make quaternary ammonium compounds. These compounds are used as rust preventatives for oil drilling equipment.

¹ Industry analyst preparing report: Jack Greenblatt (202-205-3353); Tariff Affairs contact: David Michels (202-205-3440).

² Access to an electronic copy of this memorandum is available at http://www.usitc.gov/tata/hts/other/rel_doc/bill_reports .

Estimated effect on customs revenue:

HTS subheading: 2909.19.18					
 	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Col. 1-General rate of duty (AVE) <u>1/</u>	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$463,636	\$463,636	\$463,636	\$463,636	\$463,636
Customs revenue loss	\$25,500	\$25,500	\$25,500	\$25,500	\$25,500

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)		
E.T. Horn Company (proponent) Joseph Cox 213-630-8888	6/7/2005	No	No	No
Expo Chemical Laura Dornbusch 281-895-9200	7/13/2005	No	No	No
Baker Petrolite Jon Leiendecker 281-275-7291	7/13/2005	No	No	No
Buckman Labs Philip Hoekstra 901-278-0330	6/8/2005	Yes	Yes	Yes

Technical comments:³

The Commission suggests that the article description as used on page 1 of this report be used in the proposed new heading in order to provide the chemical name without extraneous chemical information, to eliminate the uppercase "E" in the chemical name, and to add the CAS number .

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.

109TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 178

To suspend temporarily the duty on Dichloroethyl Ether.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 4, 2005

Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on Dichloroethyl Ether.

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “DCEE Tariff Suspen-
5 sion Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DICHLOROETHYL ETHER.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 99 of
8 the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States is
9 amended by inserting in numerical sequence the following
10 new heading:

“	9902.05.38	Dichloroethyl Ether (1,1'-oxybis [2-chloroethane] CL-CH ₂ -CH ₂ -O-CH ₂ -CH ₂ -CL) (provided for in subheading 2909.19.18)	Free	No change	No change	On or before 12/31/2014	”.
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1 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by
2 subsection (a) applies with respect to goods entered, or
3 withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after
4 the 15th day after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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