

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

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

[Date approved: November 7, 2005]²

Bill No. and sponsor: H.R. 2080 (Mr. Howard Coble of North Carolina)

Proponent name, location: Syngenta Crop Protection, Yuma, AZ

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

Nature of bill: Extension of temporary duty suspension through December 31, 2008.

Retroactive effect: None.

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

S-[(5-Methoxy-2-oxo-1,3,4-thiadiazol-3(2H)-yl)methyl] O,O-dimethyl phosphorodithioate (CAS No. 950-37-8) (provided for in subheading 2934.99.90)

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

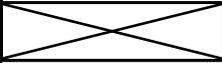
Product information, including uses/applications and source(s) of imports:

The subject chemical, known as Methidathion Technical, is an EPA registered insecticide. It is formulated into application products used to control scale on citrus and fruit crops. The chemical is imported from Switzerland.

¹ Industry analyst preparing report: Robert Randall (202-205-3366); Tariff Affairs contact: David Michels (202-205-3440).

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

Estimated effect on customs revenue:

HTS subheading: 2934.99.90					
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Col. 1-General rate of duty	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$364,000	\$364,000	\$364,000	\$364,000	\$364,000
Customs revenue loss <u>1/</u>	\$23,660	\$23,660	\$23,660	\$23,660	\$23,660

1/ Estimates of revenue loss for 2005 and 2006 result from a current suspension of duty per heading 9902.02.02.

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)		
Syngenta Crop Protection (Proponent) Dawn Stump, 202-347-7772	8/31/2005	No	No	No
AtoFina Cerex Charles Kitchin, Fax: 703-527-2092	8/31/2005	No	No	No
Aventis Jean Reimers, Fax: 202-628-6622	8/31/2005	No	No	No
BASF Corp. Greg Thies, Fax: 202-558-5101	8/31/2005	No	No	No
Bayer Corporate Services Karen Niedermeyer, Fax: 412-777-4700	8/31/2005	No	No	No
Crop Life America Lawrence Norton, Fax: 202-463-0474	8/31/2005	No	No	No
Dow Agro Sciences Lisa Schrocter, Fax: 202-429-3467	8/31/2005	No	No	No

E.I. DuPont Nancy Johnson, Fax: 202-728-3649 Elaine Olsen, Fax: 302-992-2263	8/31/2005	No	No	No
FMC Corp. Jerry Prout, Fax: 202-956-5235	8/31/2005	No	No	No
Griffin Corp. James Whatley, Fax: 800-248-5154	8/31/2005	No	No	No
LANXESS Corp. Jamie B. Schaeffer, Fax: 412-809-3614	8/31/2005	No	No	No
Monsanto Corp. Michael Parrish, Fax: 202-789-1867 Linda Strachan, Fax: 202-789-1867	8/31/2005	No	No	No
Valent USA Robin Demouth, Fax: 925-246-2776	8/31/2005	No	No	No

Technical comments:³ None.

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. 2080

To extend the duty suspension on Methidathion Technical.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 4, 2005

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

A BILL

To extend the duty suspension on Methidathion Technical.

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. METHIDATHION TECHNICAL.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Heading 9902.02.02 of the Har-
5 monized Tariff Schedule of the United States (relating to
6 Methidathion Technical) is amended by striking “12/31/
7 2006” and inserting “12/31/2008”.

8 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
9 subsection (a) applies to goods entered, or withdrawn from
10 warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after
11 the date of the enactment of this Act.