

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20436

**MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION  
of the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress <sup>1</sup>**

[Date approved: November 7, 2005]<sup>2</sup>

**Bill No. and sponsor:** H.R. 2139 (Mr. Marion Berry of Arkansas)

**Proponent name, location:** Bayer CropScience  
St. Louis, MO

**Other bills on product (109<sup>th</sup> Congress only):** None.

**Nature of bill:** Temporary duty suspension through December 31, 2008.

**Retroactive effect:** None.

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

Methyl 2-[(4,6-dimethoxypyrimidin-2-yl)carbonyl]sulfamoyl- $\alpha$ -(methanesulfonamido)-*p*-toluate (Mesosulfuron-methyl) (CAS No. 208465-21-8) whether or not mixed with application adjuvants (provided for in subheading 2935.00.75 or 3808.30.15)

**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 product is a synthetic chemical used as a herbicide on winter wheat throughout the United States. The chemical is imported from Germany and then formulated for sale in the domestic market.

<sup>1</sup> Industry analyst preparing report: Richard Qualters (202-205-2334); Tariff Affairs contact: David Michels (202-205-3440).

<sup>2</sup> Access to an electronic copy of this memorandum is available at [http://usitc.gov/tata/hts/other/rel\\_doc/bill\\_reports/index.htm](http://usitc.gov/tata/hts/other/rel_doc/bill_reports/index.htm)

**Estimated effect on customs revenue:**

<b>HTS subheading: 2935.00.75 or 3808.30.15</b>					
	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	\$4,713,288	\$4,713,288	\$4,713,288	\$4,713,288	\$4,713,288
Customs revenue loss	\$306,364	\$306,364	\$306,364	\$306,364	\$306,364

Source of estimated dutiable import data: Industry estimates.

Note: Figures are totals of estimated imports and revenue loss for both subheadings.

**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?
Bayer CropScience (Proponent) Will Hensley, Fax: 202-628-6662	7/21/2005	No	No	No
AtoFina Cerex Charles Kitchin, Fax: 703-527-2092	7/21/2005	No	No	No
Aventis Jean Reimers, Fax: 202-628-6622	7/21/2005	No	No	No
BASF Corporation Greg Theis, Fax: 202-558-5101	7/21/2005	No	No	No
Crop Life America Lawrence Norton, Fax: 202-463-0474	7/21/2005	No	No	No
Dow Agro Science Margaret Rogers, Fax: 202-429-3467	7/21/2005	No	No	No
E.I. duPont Elaine Olsen, Fax: 302-992-2263	7/21/2005	No	No	No

FMC Corporation Jerry Prout, Fax: 202-956-5235	7/21/2005	No	No	No
Griffin Corp. James Whatley, Fax: 800-248-5154	7/21/2005	No	No	No
Monsanto Corp. Michael Parrish, Fax: 202-789-1867	7/21/2005	No	No	No
Syngenta Mike Blythe, Fax: 336-632-6084	7/21/2005	No	No	No
Valent USA Robin Demouth, Fax: 925-256-2776	7/21/2005	No	No	No

**Technical comments:**<sup>3</sup>

The Commission suggests that the article description on page 1 of this report be used in the proposed new heading in order to provide the proper chemical name and industry name in parentheses.

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<sup>3</sup> 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.

109<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 2139

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 5, 2005

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

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. METHYL 2-[(4,6-DIMETHOXYPYRIMIDIN-2-**  
 2 **YLCARBAMOYL)SULFAMOYL]- $\alpha$ -**  
 3 **(METHANESULFONAMIDO)-*p*-TOLUATE**  
 4 **WHETHER OR NOT MIXED WITH APPLICA-**  
 5 **TION ADJUVANTS.**

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

“	9902.06.76	Methyl 2-[(4,6-dimethoxypyrimidin-2-ylcarbamoyl)sulfamoyl]- $\alpha$ -(methanesulfonamido)- <i>p</i> -toluate (CAS No. 208465-21-8) whether or not mixed with application adjuvants (provided for in subheading 2935.00.75 or 3808.30.15) ..	Free	No change	No change	On or before 12/31/2008	”.
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10 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
 11 subsection (a) applies to goods entered, or withdrawn from  
 12 warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after  
 13 the date of the enactment of this Act.

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