

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

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

[Date approved: September 20, 2005]²

Bill No. and sponsor: H.R. 2169 (Mr. Henry E. Brown Jr. of South Carolina)

Proponent name, location: LANXESS Corporation
Goose Creek, SC

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

Nature of bill: Temporary duty suspension through 12/31/2009.

Retroactive effect: None.

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

Mixtures of resorcinol (CAS No. 108-46-3), hexamethylmelamine ether (CAS No. 3089-11-0) and dibutyl phthalate (CAS No. 84-74-2) (provided for in subheading 3824.90.28)

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 mixture, known by the trade name Cohedur RL, is an adhesion promoter used in combination with silica to improve adhesion of rubber compounds to reinforcing substrates such as in conveyor and automotive timing belts. The product is imported from Germany. There is no known domestic production of the exact same product mixture, but there are similar rubber adhesion promoting products that may be considered competitive.

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: <u>3824.90.28</u>					
 	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	\$686,000	\$465,000	\$475,000	\$480,000	\$485,000
Customs revenue loss	\$44,590	\$30,225	\$30,875	\$31,200	\$31,525

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)		
LANXESS Corporation (Proponent) Jamie Schaeffer, 412-809-3666	7/27/2005	No	No	No
Chemtura Corporation Liz Thomasino, 203-573-2644	8/12/2005	No	No	No
Cytek Industries Andrew Tisler, 440-708-1444	8/12/2005	No	No	No
Dow Chemical Corporation Lisa Schroeder, 202-429-3400	8/12/2005	No	No	No
Flexsys America L.P. Byron Towe, 330-668-8273	8/12/2005	No	No	No
INDSPEC Chemical Corporation Joseph Aldameia, 412-338-2848	8/15/2005	No	No	No
Noveon Incorporated Pete Getzinger, 330-374-3577	8/12/2005	No	No	No
R.T. Vanderbilt Co. Elizabeth Scofield, 203-853-1400, x386	8/12/2005	No	No	No

Technical comments:³

The Commission suggests that the article description on page 1 of this report be used in the proposed new heading in order to reflect the correct chemical name for resorcinol and the corresponding 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. 2169

To suspend temporarily the duty on Cohedur RL.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 5, 2005

Mr. BROWN of South Carolina introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on Cohedur RL.

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. COHEDUR RL.**

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:

“	9902.06.08	Mixtures of resorcinol, hexamethylolmelamine ether (CAS No. 3089–11–0) and dibutyl phthalate (CAS No. 84–74–2)(provided for in subheading 3824.90.28)	Free	No change	No change	On or before 12/31/2009	”.
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1 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
2 subsection (a) applies to goods entered, or withdrawn from
3 warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after
4 the date of the enactment of this Act.

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