

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

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

[Date approved: September 23, 2005]²

Bill No. and sponsor: H.R. 2215 (Mr. Howard Coble of North Carolina)

Proponent name, location: Syngenta Crop Protection, Inc.
Greensboro, NC

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

Nature of bill: Renewal of temporary duty suspension through 12/31/2008.

Retroactive effect: None.

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

The subject chemical (see below) is classified in HTS subheading 3808.30.15 and is eligible for a temporary duty suspension under HTS heading 9902.38.52.

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:

Triasulfuron is a synthetic organic chemical used as a broadleaf herbicide and the active ingredient in these formulations, which are applied to wheat, barley, fallow, and pastures. The formulations are imported from Switzerland and then packaged for sale in the domestic market.

¹ Industry analyst preparing report: Richard Qualters (202-205-2334); 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>3808.30.15</u>					
 	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Col. 1-General rate of duty (AVE)	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$1,700,000	\$1,730,000	\$1,800,000	\$1,870,000	\$1,900,000
Customs revenue loss	\$110,500	\$112,450	\$117,000	\$121,550	\$123,500

Source of estimated dutiable import data: Industry and 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)		
Syngenta (Proponent) Dawn DeBerry Stump, Fax: 336-632-6084	7/18/2005	No	No	No
AtoFina Cerex Charles Kitchin, Fax: 703-527-2092	8/15/2005	No	No	No
Aventis Jean Reimers, Fax: 202-628-6622	8/15/2005	No	No	No
BASF Corporation Greg Theis, Fax: 202-558-5101	8/15/2005	No	No	No
Bayer CropScience Will Hensley, Fax: 202-628-6662	8/15/2005	No	No	No
Crop Life America Lawrence Norton, Fax: 202-463-0474	8/15/2005	No	No	No
Dow Agro Science Margaret Rogers, Fax: 202-429-3467	8/15/2005	No	No	No

E.I. duPont Elaine Olsen, Fax: 302-992-2263	8/15/2005	No	No	No
FMC Corporation Jerry Prout, Fax: 202-956-5235	8/15/2005	No	No	No
Griffin Corp. James Whatley, Fax: 800-248-5154	8/15/2005	No	No	No
Monsanto Corp. Michael Parrish, Fax: 202-789-1867	8/15/2005	No	No	No
Syngenta (Proponent) Mike Blythe, Fax: 336-632-6084	8/15/2005	No	No	No
Valent USA Robin Demouth, Fax: 925-256-2776	8/15/2005	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. 2215

To suspend temporarily the duty on formulations of triasulfuron.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 10, 2005

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

A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on formulations of
triasulfuron.

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. FORMULATIONS OF TRIASULFURON.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Heading 9902.38.52 of the Har-
5 monized Tariff Schedule of the United States (relating to
6 formulations of triasulfuron) is amended by striking “12/
7 31/2003” and inserting “12/31/2008”.

8 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
9 subsection (a) applies to goods entered, or withdrawn from

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

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