

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: September 23, 2005]<sup>2</sup>

**Bill No. and sponsor:** H.R. 2266 (Mr. English)

**Proponent name, location:** Rohm and Haas Company  
Philadelphia, PA 19106

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

**Nature of bill:** Extension of temporary duty suspension through 12/31/2009.

**Retroactive effect:** None.

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

The subject resin (see below) is classified in subheading 3914.00.60 and is eligible for a temporary duty suspension under HTS heading 9902.02.34.

**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 proponent imports this ion-exchange resin under the trade name Amberlite® IRP69. This resin is characterized as an insoluble, strongly acidic, positively charged cation exchange resin in the sodium form, supplied as a dry, fine powder. The product is utilized as both a drug carrier and an active ingredient. As a carrier it provides the manufacturer with several functions, including taste marking, drug stabilization, and sustained release. As an active ingredient the product is a therapeutic agent used to lower potassium levels in the treatment of hyperkalemia. The proponent's product is manufactured and imported from Chauny, France.

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<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: 3914.00.60</b>					
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Col. 1-General rate of duty	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$3,100,000	\$3,150,000	\$3,250,000	\$3,350,000	\$3,450,000
Customs revenue loss <u>1/</u>	\$120,900	\$122,850	\$126,750	\$130,650	\$134,550

1/ Revenue loss for 2005 and 2006 results from a current suspension of duty per heading 9902.02.34. Source of estimated dutiable import data: Commission and 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)		
Rohm and Haas Company (Proponent) Mr. Henry P. Stobenau 215-628-4919	08/05/2005	No	No	No
Bayer Corporation Ms. Karen L. Niedermeyer 412-777-2058	08/11/2005	No	No	No
Dow Chemical Company Ms. Lisa Schroeder 202-429-3400	08/11/2005	No	No	No
LANXESS Corporation (Sybron Chemicals, Inc.) Ms. Jamie B. Schaeffer 412-809-3666 Ralf P. Matt President, Sybron Chemicals	08/11/2005	Yes	Yes	Yes
Purolite Company Mr. Don Brodie Fax: 610-668-1997	8/12/2005	Yes	Yes	Yes

**Technical comments:**<sup>3</sup> None.

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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. 2266

To extend the suspension of duty on a certain ion exchange resin.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 11, 2005

Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania 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,*

3       **SECTION 1. ION EXCHANGE RESIN COMPRISING A COPOLY-**  
4                       **MER OF STYRENE CROSSLINKED WITH**  
5                       **DIVINYLBENZENE, SULPHONIC ACID, SODIUM**  
6                       **FORM.**

7       (a) IN GENERAL.—Heading 9902.02.34 of the Har-  
8       monized Tariff Schedule of the United States is amended  
9       by striking “12/31/2006” and inserting “12/31/2009”.

10       (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
11       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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