

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 8, 2005]<sup>2</sup>

**Bill No. and sponsor:** H.R. 2441 (Mr. Tim Murphy of Pennsylvania).

**Proponent name, location:** LANXESS Corp., Pittsburgh, PA.

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

**Nature of bill:** Extension of temporary duty suspension through December 31, 2009.

**Retroactive effect:** None.

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

1,1'-(Methylamino)dipropan-2-ol (CAS No. 4402-30-6) (provided for in subheading 2922.19.95).

**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 product, commonly known as BOPA, is a synthetic organic chemical used as an additive in the manufacture of spandex products to increase fiber stability. It is imported from Germany.

**Estimated effect on customs revenue:**

HTS subheading: <u>2922.19.95</u>					
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
<del>Col. 1-General rate of duty</del>	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$360,000	\$360,000	\$360,000
Customs revenue loss <sup>1/</sup>	\$16,250	\$16,250	\$23,400	\$23,400	\$23,400

<sup>1/</sup> Estimated revenue loss for 2005 and 2006 results from a current suspension of duty per heading 9902.04.14, which expires on December 31, 2006.

Source of estimated dutiable import data: Industry estimates.

**Contacts with domestic firms/organizations (including the proponent):**

<sup>1</sup> Industry analyst preparing report: Jeff Clark (202-205-3318); 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).

Name of firm/organization	Date contacted	US production of same or competitive product claimed?	Submission attached?	Opposition noted?
LANXESS Corporation (proponent) Liese Wright, 202-872-8181	9/13/2005	No	No	No
BASF Corp. Tom Coleman, 202-289-3900	9/13/2005	No	No	No
Bayer Corp. Karen Niedermeyer, 412-777-2058	9/13/2005	No	No	No
Ciba Specialty Chemicals Corp. John Deming, 302-479-5499	9/13/2005	No	No	No
Clariant Corporation Andrew Zamoyski, 401-823-2230	9/13/2005	No	No	No
DuPont Elaine Olsen, 302-992-2263	9/13/2005	No	No	No
Lonza, Inc. Ray Esposito, 201-316-9200	9/13/2005	No	No	No

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

<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. 2441

To extend the temporary suspension of duty on BOPA.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 18, 2005

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

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## A BILL

To extend the temporary suspension of duty on BOPA.

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. BOPA.**

4       (a) IN GENERAL.—Heading 9902.04.14 of the Har-  
5       monized Tariff Schedule of the United States (relating to  
6       BOPA) is amended by striking “12/31/2006” and insert-  
7       ing “12/31/2009”.

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 enactment of this Act.