

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. 2523 (Mr. Mike Ferguson of New Jersey).

**Proponent name, location:** Honeywell International Inc., Morris Township, NJ.

**Other bills on product (109<sup>th</sup> Congress only):** H.R. 2443.

**Nature of bill:** Extension of temporary duty suspension through December 31, 2010.

**Retroactive effect:** None.

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

Ammonium bifluoride (CAS No. 1341-49-7) (provided for in subheading 2826.11.10).

**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:**

Ammonium bifluoride, imported from Germany, is used as a stripper in metal applications to remove impurities from the metal's surface. It is also used as a surface treatment agent in the etching of glass, a softener for silica-containing rocks in oil drilling, and as surface protection of aluminum alloys and in wood preservation.

**Estimated effect on customs revenue:**

HTS subheading: <u>2826.11.10</u>					
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
<del>Col. 1-General rate of duty</del>					
Col. 1-General rate of duty	3.1%	3.1%	3.1%	3.1%	3.1%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$1,575,000	\$1,575,000	\$1,575,000	\$1,575,000	\$1,575,000
Customs revenue loss	\$48,825	\$48,825	\$48,825	\$48,825	\$48,825

1/ Estimated revenue loss for 2005 and 2006 results from a current suspension of duty per heading 9902.28.20, which expires on December 31, 2006.

Source of estimated dutiable import data: Industry estimates.

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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)

**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)		
Honeywell International Inc. (Proponent) Art Simonetti 202-662-2671	9/20/2005	No	No	No
LANXESS Corp. Steve Ziehm 202-872-8181	9/13/2005	No	No	No
General Chemicals Jim Imbriaco 973-884-6952	9/15/2005	No	No	No
Tyco Healthcare/Mallinckrot Kathleen Powers 314-654-6333	9/15/2005	No	No	No
Atotech USA, Inc. Mark Steele 803-817-3500	9/16/2005	No	No	No
Ozark Fluorine Specialty Chemicals Linda Gibson 918-583-0851	9/16/2005	No	No	No
Solvey Chemicals Mark Looney 713-525-6588	9/16/2005	No (produced in Mexico)	Yes	Yes

**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. 2523

To extend the suspension of duty on ammonium bifluoride.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 23, 2005

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

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## A BILL

To extend the suspension of duty on ammonium bifluoride.

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. AMMONIUM BIFLUORIDE.**

4       (a) IN GENERAL.—Heading 9902.28.20 of the Har-  
5       monized Tariff Schedule of the United States (relating to  
6       ammonium bifluoride) is amended by striking “12/31/  
7       2006” and inserting “12/31/2010”.

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 the enactment of this Act.