

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: December 16, 2005]<sup>2</sup>

**Bill No. and sponsor:** H.R. 2853 (Mrs. Sue Myrick of North Carolina).

**Proponent name, location:** Clariant Corp., Mount Holly, NC.

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

**Nature of bill:** Extension of temporary duty suspension through December 31, 2008.

**Retroactive effect:** None.

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

Petroleum sulfonic acids, sodium salts (CAS No. 68608-26-4) (provided for in subheading 3402.11.50).

**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:**

Petroleum sulfonic acids, sodium salts are anionic, surface-active agents used in liquid cleaning products such as laundry and dish detergents and household cleaners. They are imported from the Netherlands.

<sup>1</sup> Industry analyst preparing report: Philip Stone (202-205-3424); 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).

**Estimated effect on customs revenue:**

<b>HTS subheading: <u>3402.11.50</u></b>					
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Col. 1-General rate of duty	3.7%	3.7%	3.7%	3.7%	3.7%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$1,700,000	\$1,700,000	\$1,700,000	\$1,700,000	\$1,700,000
Customs revenue loss <sup>1/</sup>	\$62,900	\$62,900	\$62,900	\$62,900	\$62,900

<sup>1/</sup> The estimated Customs revenue loss for 2005 and 2006 results from a duty suspension under HTS heading 9902.34.01 that expires on December 31, 2006.

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)		
Clariant Corp. (Proponent) William T. Lyons, 202-326-0290 Andrew Zamoyski, 401-823-2230	09/29/2005	No	No	No
Aldrich Chemical Co. Cynthia Hening, Fax: 414-287-4059	10/03/2005	No	No	No
Firmenich Inc. Laura Heybur, Fax: 609-452-8063	10/03/2005	No	No	No
Givaudian-Roure Corp. Diane Koenig, Fax: 973-448-6532	10/03/2005	No	No	No
International Flavors and Fragrances Tom Kinlin, Fax: 732-335-2244	10/03/2005	No	No	No
Koch Industries Ron Osman, Fax: 361-242-8353	10/03/2005	No	No	No
Noveon Tom Dirmyer, Fax: 216-447-5720	10/03/2005	No	No	No

Penta Manufacturing Co. George Volpe, Fax: 973-740-1839	10/03/2005	No	No	No
Shell Oil Products US Carla Herron, Fax: 713-241-1427	10/05/2005	No	No	No
Soap and Detergent Association Marketing Manager, Fax: 202-347-4110	10/18/2005	No	No	No

**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. 2853

To extend the suspension of duty on sodium petroleum sulfonate.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 9, 2005

Mrs. MYRICK 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 sodium petroleum  
sulfonate.

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. SODIUM PETROLEUM SULFONATE.**

4       (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Heading 9902.34.01 of the Har-  
5       monized Tariff Schedule of the United States (relating to  
6       sodium petroleum sulfonate) is amended by striking “12/  
7       31/2006” 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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