

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

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

[Date approved: April 19, 2006]²

Bill No. and sponsor: H.R. 3093 (Mr. David L. Hobson of Ohio).

Proponent name, location: E.I. du Pont de Nemours and Co., Wilmington, DE.

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

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

Retroactive effect: None.

Article description(s) (including appropriate HTS classification(s)):

3,3',4,4'-Biphenyltetracarboxylic dianhydride (CAS No. 2420-87-3) (provided for in subheading 2917.39.30)

Check one: Same as in the HTS heading(s) in the bill as introduced.
 Different from the HTS heading(s) in the bill (see Technical comments).

Product information, including uses/applications and source(s) of imports:

The subject product is a synthetic organic chemical used as an intermediate to make polyimide films and resins which have a variety of uses including electrical insulation, substrates for printed electronic circuits, magnetic tapes, and polyamic acid solutions. The subject product is imported from Japan.

¹ Industry analyst preparing report: Philip Stone (202-205-3424); 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: 2917.39.30					
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Col. 1-General rate of duty	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$4,700,000	\$6,700,000	\$7,500,000	\$7,500,000	\$7,500,000
Customs revenue loss	\$305,500	\$435,500	\$487,500	\$487,500	\$487,500

1/ The estimated Customs revenue loss for 2005 and 2006 results from a temporary duty suspension under HTS heading 9902.05.11 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)		
E.I. du Pont de Nemours and Co. (Proponent) Sharee Lawler, 202-728-3664	10/27/2005	No	No	No
Abbott Elaine Leavenworth, Fax: 202-783-6631	10/28/2005	No	No	No
Ablestik Fax: 310-764-2545	11/09/2005	No	No	No
American Chemistry Council Jim O'Connor, Fax: 703-741-6922	10/28/2005	No	No	No
Bayer Julie Van Egmond, Fax: 202-737-8909 Karen Niedermeyer, Fax: 412-777-4740	10/28/2005	No	No	No
Biddle Sawyer William Thonack, Fax: 212-239-1089	10/28/2005	No	No	No
Ciba Specialty Chemicals John Deming, Fax: 302-479-5152	10/28/2005	No	No	No
Clariant Corporation Andrew Zamoyski, Fax: 401-823-2700	10/28/2005	No	No	No

Cytec Engineered Materials Fax: 480-730-2190	11/09/2005	No	No	No
Eastman Chemical Company Greg Riddle, Fax: 703-524-7707	10/28/2005	No	No	No
The P. D. George Company Fax: 314-436-1030	11/09/2005	No	No	No
Honeywell International Art Simonetti, Fax: 202-662-2675	10/28/2005	No	No	No
HyComp, Inc. Fax: 440-234-4911	11/09/2005	No	No	No
Imitec Corporation Fax: 518-374-4299	11/09/2005	No	No	No
Kaneka High-Tech Materials Fax: 281-291-2110	11/09/2005	No	No	No
LANXESS Corp. Jamie B. Schaeffer, Fax: 412-809-3614	11/09/2005	No	No	No
Monsanto Corporation Michael Parrish, Fax: 202-789-1867	10/28/2005	No	No	No
Noveon Tom Dirmyer, Fax: 216-447-5720	10/28/2005	No	No	No
Rhodia Dominick Cangiana, Fax: 609-860-1841	10/28/2005	No	No	No
Solutia Sue Cannon, Fax: 314-674-1585	10/28/2005	No	No	No
Solvay Advanced Polymers Fax: 770-772-8454	11/09/2005	No	No	No
Uniroyal Chemical Company Lloyd Moon, Fax: 203-573-4430	10/28/2005	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. 3093

To suspend temporarily the duty on 3,3',4,4'-Biphenyltetracarboxylic Dianhydride (BPDA).

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 28, 2005

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

A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on 3,3',4,4'-Biphenyltetracarboxylic Dianhydride (BPDA).

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. TEMPORARY EXTENSION OF SUSPENSION OF**
4 **DUTY.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Heading 9902.05.11 of sub-
6 chapter II of chapter 99 of the Harmonized Tariff Sched-
7 ule of the United States, relating to 3,3',4,4'-
8 Biphenyltetracarboxylic Dianhydride (CAS # 2420–87–3)
9 is amended by striking 12/31/2006 and inserting 12/31/
10 2009.

1 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
2 this subsection (a) applies with respect to goods entered,
3 or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after
4 the 15th day after the date of enactment of this Act.

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