

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

**MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION
of the 109th Congress ¹**

[Date approved: October 24, 2006]²

Bill No. and sponsor: S. 3034 (Mr. William H. Frist of Tennessee and Mr. Lamar Alexander of Tennessee).

Proponent name, location: Eastman Chemical Corp., Kingsport, TN.

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

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

Retroactive effect: None.

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

Titanium mononitride (CAS No. 25583-20-4) (provided for in subheading 2850.00.07).

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:

Titanium mononitride is used as a polymer modifier for a proprietary plastic that is made by the proponent. The subject product is imported from China.

Estimated effect on customs revenue:

HTS subheading: <u>2850.00.07</u>					
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Col. 1-General rate of duty (AVE)					
Col. 1-General rate of duty (AVE)	4.9%	4.9%	4.9%	4.9%	4.9%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$1,250,000	\$1,250,000	\$1,250,000	\$1,250,000	\$1,250,000
Customs revenue loss	\$61,250	\$61,250	\$61,250	\$61,250	\$61,250

Source of estimated dutiable import data: Industry estimates.

¹ Industry analyst preparing report: Jack Greenblatt (202-205-3353); 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.

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

Name of firm/organization	Date contacted	Claim US makes same or competing product(s)?	Submission attached?	Opposition noted?
		(Yes/No)		
Eastman Chemicals Corp. (Proponent) Jorge San Pedro, 703-524-7653	08/10/2006	No	No	No
Abbott Elaine Leavenworth, Fax: 202-783-6631	08/10/2006	No	No	No
Bayer Corp. Karen Niedermeyer, Fax: 412-777-4740	08/10/2006	No	No	No
Biddle Sawyer William Thonack, Fax: 212-239-1089	08/10/2006	No	No	No
Ciba Specialty Chemicals John Demming, Fax: 302-479-5152	08/10/2006	No	No	No
Clariant Corp. Andrew Zamoyski, Fax: 401-823-2700	08/10/2006	No	No	No
Dow Chemical/Dow Agro Science Lisa Schroeter, Fax: 202-429-3467	08/10/2006	No	No	No
DuPont Corp. Helen McMahon, Fax: 302-774-1398	08/10/2006	No	No	No
Honeywell International Art Simonetti, Fax: 202-662-2675	08/10/2006	No	No	No
Monsanto Corp. Linda Strachan, Fax: 202-789-1867	08/10/2006	No	No	No
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Rhodia Dominick Cangiana, Fax: 609-860-1841	08/10/2006	No	No	No
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Uniroyal Chemical Co. Lloyd Moon, Fax: 203-573-4430	08/10/2006	No	No	No

Technical comments:³

The Commission notes that the date in the effective period column should provide "12/31/2009" rather than "12/31/09".

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
2^D SESSION

S. 3034

To suspend temporarily the duty on titanium mononitride.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 24, 2006

Mr. FRIST (for himself and Mr. ALEXANDER) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on titanium mononitride.

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. TITANIUM MONONITRIDE.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 99 of
5 the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States is
6 amended by inserting in numerical sequence the following
7 new heading:

“	9902.28.50	Titanium mononitride (CAS No. 25583–20–4) (provided for in subheading 2850.00.07)	Free	No change	No change	On or before 12/31/09	”.
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8 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
9 subsection (a) applies to goods entered, or withdrawn from

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- 1 warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after
- 2 the date of the enactment of this Act.

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