

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. 3160 (Mr. Barack Obama of Illinois).

Proponent name, location: Nufarm Americas, Inc., Burr Ridge, IL.

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)):

Triphenyltin hydroxide (CAS No. 76-87-9) (provided for in subheading 2931.00.25).

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:

This synthetic organotin compound is a fungicide that is used to control blight, leaf spot, and other fungus diseases on a variety of agriculture products, including potatoes, sugar beets and peanuts. The product is imported from China.

Estimated effect on customs revenue:

HTS subheading: <u>2931.00.25</u>					
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Col. 1-General rate of duty					
Col. 1-General rate of duty	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$1,600,000	\$1,600,000	\$1,600,000	\$1,600,000	\$1,600,000
Customs revenue loss	\$104,000	\$104,000	\$104,000	\$104,000	\$104,000

Source of estimated dutiable import data: Industry estimates.

¹ Industry analyst preparing report: Stephen Wanser (202-205-3363); 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)		
Nufarm, Americas, Inc. (Proponent) Joel Junker, Fax: 206-621-8220	06/12/2006	No	No	No
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BASF Corp. Greg Thies, Fax: 703-255-7142	06/12/2006	No	No	No
Bayer CropScience Mike Gill, 202-205-8843	06/12/2006	No	No	No
Crop Life America Lawrence Norton, Fax: 202-463-0474	06/12/2006	No	No	No
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DuPont Nancy Johnson, Fax: 202-728-3649	06/12/2006	No	No	No
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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
2^D SESSION

S. 3160

To suspend temporarily the duty on triphenyltin hydroxide.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 25, 2006

Mr. OBAMA introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred
to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on triphenyltin hydroxide.

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. SUSPENSION OF DUTY ON TRIPHENYLTIN HY-**
4 **DROXIDE.**

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

“	9902.28.32		Triphenyltin hydroxide (CAS No. 76–87–9) (provided for in subheading 2931.00.25)		Free		No change		No change		On or before 12/31/2009	”.
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1 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
2 subsection (a) applies to goods entered, or withdrawn from
3 warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after
4 the date of the enactment of this Act.

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