

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

**MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION
of the 110th Congress¹**

[Date approved: May 16, 2008]²

Bill No. and sponsor: H.R. 4620 (Mr. Phil English of Pennsylvania).

Proponent name,³ location: Rohm and Haas Company, Philadelphia, PA.

Other bills on product (110th Congress only): H.R. 5459 (Mr. Emanuel Cleaver of Missouri).

Nature of bill: Extension of temporary duty suspension through December 31, 2011.

Retroactive effect: None.

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

Ion-exchange resin comprising a copolymer of styrene crosslinked with ethenylbenzene, aminophosphonic acid, sodium form (CAS No. 125935-42-4) (provided for in subheading 3914.00.60).

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:

The subject product is used to remove unwanted metal cations such as calcium, magnesium, and strontium from sodium chloride brine. Removing these cations greatly prolongs the life of the membranes used in the electrolysis of brine to produce caustic and chlorine. Other uses include the removal of lead from waste water, zinc from water used in cooling processes, and other environmentally friendly applications which remove deleterious metal ions. It is imported from France and Germany.

Estimated effect on customs revenue:

HTS subheading: 3914.00.60					
Col. 1-General rate of duty	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Col. 1-General rate of duty	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000
Customs revenue loss 1/	\$0	\$117,000	\$117,000	\$117,000	\$117,000

1/ There is an existing duty suspension under HTS heading 9902.02.33 that expires on December 31, 2009. Therefore, there will be no customs revenue loss related to this bill in 2009.

Source of estimated dutiable import data: U.S. industry estimates.

¹ Industry analyst preparing report: L. Johnson (202-205-3351); Tariff Affairs contact: D. Michels (202-205-3440).

² Access to an electronic copy of this memorandum is available at http://www.usitc.gov/tata/hts/other/rel_doc/bill_reports/.

³ The sponsor/proponent did not identify any additional beneficiaries of this bill.

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)		
Rohm and Haas Company (Proponent) Henry P. Stoebenau, 215-628-4919	03/24/2008	No	No	No
Bayer Corporation Karen L. Niedermeyer, 412-777-2058	03/24/2008	No	No	No
Dow Chemical Company Lisa Schroeter, 202-429-3400	03/24/2008	No	No	No
LANXESS Corp. Jamie B. Schaeffer, 412-809-3666	03/24/2008	No	No	No
Purolite Company Don Brodie, 610-668-9090	03/24/2008	No	No	No

Technical comments:⁴

The Commission staff notes that H.R. 4620 and H.R. 5459 each extend the duty suspension provided for in HTS heading 9902.02.33. Only one bill should be enacted.

⁴ 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.

110TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 4620

To extend the temporary suspension of duty on a certain ion exchange resin.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 13, 2007

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

A BILL

To extend the temporary suspension of duty on a certain ion exchange resin.

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. A CERTAIN ION EXCHANGE RESIN.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Heading 9902.02.33 of the Har-
5 monized Tariff Schedule of the United States is amended
6 by striking “12/31/2009” and inserting “12/31/2011”.

7 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
8 subsection (a) applies with respect to goods entered, or

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

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