

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20436

**MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION  
of the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress<sup>1</sup>**

[Date approved: August 28, 2008]<sup>2</sup>

**Bill No. and sponsor:** H.R. 4904 (Mr. Nick Lampson of Texas).

**Proponent name,<sup>3</sup> location:** DuPont, Wilmington, DE.

**Other bills on product (110<sup>th</sup> Congress only):** None.

**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)):**

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

**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 a synthetic organic chemical that is 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 China and Japan.

**Estimated effect on customs revenue:**

<b>HTS subheading: 2917.39.30</b>					
<del> </del>	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Col. 1-General rate of duty	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$7,500,000	\$7,600,000	\$7,600,000	\$7,600,000	\$7,600,000
Customs revenue loss 1/	\$0	\$494,000	\$494,000	\$494,000	\$494,000

1/ There is an existing duty suspension under HTS heading 9902.05.11 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.

<sup>1</sup> Industry analyst preparing report: Larry Johnson (202-205-3351); Tariff Affairs contact: Dave Michels (202-205-3440).

<sup>2</sup> Access to an electronic copy of this memorandum is available at [http://www.usitc.gov/tata/hts/other/rel\\_doc/bill\\_reports/](http://www.usitc.gov/tata/hts/other/rel_doc/bill_reports/).

<sup>3</sup> 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?
DuPont (Proponent) Helen McMahon, Fax: 302-355-2994	06/19/2008	No	No	No
American Vanguard Corp. W. Kuser, williamk@amvac-chemical.com	06/19/2008	No	No	No
Arkema Charles A. Kitchen, Fax: 215-419-7075	06/19/2008	No	No	No
BASF Greg Thies, Fax: 202-558-5101	06/19/2008	No	No	No
Bayer CropScience William Hensley, Fax: 202-737-8909	06/19/2008	No	No	No
Chemtura Corporation Matt Mattingley, Fax: 202-463-8498	06/19/2008	No	No	No
CropLife America Isi Siddiqui, Fax: 202-463-0474	06/19/2008	No	No	No
Dow Chemical/Dow AgroScience Lisa Schroeter, Fax: 202-429-3467	06/19/2008	No	No	No
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Emerald Performance Materials Tom Dirmyer, Fax: 330-315-6480	06/19/2008	No	No	No
FMC Jerry Prout, Fax: 202-956-5235	06/19/2008	No	No	No
Gowan Company Cindy Baker, Fax: 928-373-1822 George L. Rolofson, Fax: 336-854-2772	06/19/2008	No	No	No
Monsanto Corp. Grant Erdel, Fax: 202-789-1867	06/19/2008	No	No	No
Nufarm Limited Joel R. Junker, Fax: 206-621-8220	06/19/2008	No	No	No
Syngenta Crop Protection, Inc. Angus Kelly, Fax: 336-632-6084	06/19/2008	No	No	No
Valent USA Robin Demouth, Fax: 925-256-2776	06/19/2008	No	No	No

**Technical comments:<sup>4</sup>**

None.

<sup>4</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.

110TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 4904

To extend the temporary suspension of duty on 3,3',4,4'-  
Biphenyltetracarboxylic dianhydride.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 19, 2007

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

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## A BILL

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Biphenyltetracarboxylic dianhydride.

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.       3,3',4,4'-BIPHENYLTETRACARBOXYLIC**  
4       **DIANHYDRIDE.**

5       (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Heading 9902.05.11 of the Har-  
6       monized Tariff Schedule of the United States is amended  
7       by striking “12/31/2009” and inserting “12/31/2011”.

8       (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by  
9       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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