

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

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

[Date approved: June 12, 2008]²

Bill No. and sponsor: H.R. 4978 (Mr. Jim Ramstad of Minnesota).

Proponent name,³ location: Honeywell International, Inc., Morristown, NJ.

Other bills on product (110th 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)):

3,4-Dimethylbenzene, 1,1-[2,2,2-trifluoro-1-(trifluoromethyl) ethylidene]bis- (CAS No. 65294-20-4)
(provided for in subheading 2903.69.80).

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, a monomer, is a synthetic organic intermediate that is used in the production of fluorinated polymers. These polymers are then used in various high-technology materials, including flat panel displays, aerospace materials, fuel cells, and photosensitive polymers. The product is imported from Germany.

¹ Industry analyst preparing report: Andrew Gately (202-205-3437); Tariff Affairs contact: David 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.

Estimated effect on customs revenue:

HTS subheading: 2903.69.80					
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Col. 1-General rate of duty	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
Customs revenue loss 1/	\$0	\$110,000	\$110,000	\$110,000	\$110,000

1/ There is an existing duty suspension under HTS heading 9902.23.21 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: Industry estimates.

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?
Honeywell International, Inc. (Proponent) Art Simonetti, art.simonetti@honeywell.com	04/15/2008	No	No	No
Abbott Laboratories Elaine Leavenworth, Fax: 202-783-6631	04/21/2008	No	No	No
American Chemistry Council Marty Durbin, Fax: 703-741-6097	04/21/2008	No	No	No
BASF Greg Thies, Fax: 202-558-5101	04/21/2008	No	No	No
Bayer Julie Van Egmund, Fax: 202-737-8909 Karen Niedermeyer, Fax: 412-777-4740	04/21/2008	No	No	No
Biddle Sawyer William Thonack, Fax: 212-239-1089	04/21/2008	No	No	No
Chemtura Matt Mattingley, Fax: 202-463-8497 Lloyd Moon, Fax: 203-573-2686	04/21/2008	No	No	No
Ciba Specialty Chemicals Michelle Forte, Fax: 914-785-7831 Robert Hurley, Fax: 202-289-3588	04/21/2008	No	No	No
Clariant Andrew Zamoyski, Fax: 202-248-9043	04/21/2008	No	No	No

Name of firm/organization	Date contacted	Claim US makes same or competing product(s)?	Submission attached?	Opposition noted?
Dow Chemical Lisa Schroeter, Fax: 202-429-3467	04/21/2008	No	No	No
DuPont Helen McMahon, Fax: 302-355-2944	04/21/2008	No	No	No
Eastman Chemical Gregg Riddle, griddle@eastman.com	04/22/2008	No	No	No
Emerald Performance Chemicals Tom Dirmyer, Fax: 330-315-6480	04/21/2008	No	No	No
Monsanto Grant Erdel, Fax: 202-789-1867	04/21/2008	No	No	No
Rhodia Dominick Cangiano, Fax: 609-860-2256	04/21/2008	No	No	No
Solutia Kassie Wooton, Fax: 314-674-1585	04/21/2008	No	No	No

Technical comments:⁴

None.

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
2D SESSION

H. R. 4978

To extend the temporary suspension of duty on a certain specialty monomer.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 15, 2008

Mr. RAMSTAD 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
specialty monomer.

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 SPECIALTY MONOMER.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Heading 9902.23.21 of the Har-
5 monized Tariff Schedule of the United States (relating to
6 a certain specialty monomer) is amended by striking the
7 date in the effective period column and inserting “12/31/
8 2011”.

9 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
10 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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