

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

**MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION
of the 111th Congress¹**

[Date approved: April 2, 2010]²

Bill No. and sponsor: S. 1864 (Ms. Mary L. Landrieu of Louisiana).

Proponent name,³ location: Chemtura Corporation, Middlebury, CT.

Other bills on product (111th Congress only): None.

Nature of bill: Extension of temporary duty suspension through December 31, 2011.⁴

Retroactive effect: None.

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

2-Mercaptoethanol (CAS No. 60-24-2) (provided for in subheading 2930.90.91).

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 a raw material to make organo-tin stabilizers and fungicides. The fungicide is used to treat seeds prior to planting, or soil after planting. It protects the plants from fungus and plant-related diseases as a systemic fungicide and also acts as a growth enhancer. Crops treated include rice, cotton, peanuts, corn, soybeans, canola, barley, wheat, and oats. Organo-tin stabilizers are also used in the fabrication of rigid PVC. The subject product is added to plastics, primarily PVC, to reduce degradation. PVC is used in a wide variety of products, including pipe for home and other construction, window frames, and consumer goods. The subject product is imported from Germany.

¹ Industry analyst preparing report: Stephen Wanser (202-205-3363); Tariff Affairs contact: David G. Michels (202-205-3440).

² Access to an electronic copy of this memorandum is available at http://www.usitc.gov/tariff_affairs/congress_reports/.

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

⁴ Heading 9902.01.60 expired on December 31, 2009.

Estimated effect on customs revenue for the subject product classifiable in HTS subheading 2930.90.91:

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Col. 1-General rate of duty	3.7%	3.7%	3.7%	3.7%	3.7%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports ^a	\$14,500,000	\$14,500,000	\$14,500,000	\$14,500,000	\$14,500,000
Customs revenue loss ^b	\$536,500	\$536,500	\$536,500	\$536,500	\$536,500

a/ Dutiable import estimates were provided by industry sources.

b/ At the request of Congress, customs revenue loss is provided for 5 years, although the effective period of the proposed legislation may differ.

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)	
Chemtura Corporation (Proponent) Matt Mattingley, 202-841-5601 matt@mattingleygroup.com	11/20/2009	No	No	No
Arkema Inc. (Atofina) Brian Sowa, 202-467-5459 Brian@strategicmi.com	11/20/2009	No	No	No
BASF Corp. Greg Thies, 202-299-7240 gregory.theis@basf.com	11/20/2009	No	No	No
Bayer CropScience, LLP Jean Reimers, 202-756-3779 jean.reimers@bayercropscience.com	11/20/2009	No	No	No
CropLife America Doug Nelson, 202-872-3880 dnelson@croplifeamerica.org	11/20/2009	No	No	No
Dow AgroSciences Max Turnipseed, 225-338-0310 mctint@att.net Lisa Schroeter, 202-429-3407 lmschroeter@dow.com	11/20/2009	No	No	No
DuPont Elaine Olsen, 302-992-2263 elaine.m.olsen@usa.dupont.com	11/20/2009	No	No	No

Name of firm/organization	Date contacted	Claim US makes same or competing product(s)?	Submission attached?	Opposition noted?
			(Yes/No)	
FMC Corp. Jerry Prout, 202-956-5209 jerry.prout@fmc.com Steve Ziehm, 202-872-8181 sziehm@igc.com	11/20/2009	No	No	No
Gowan Company Cindy Baker, 928-819-1554 cbaker@gowanco.com George Rolofson, 336-580-1116 grolofson@triad.rr.com	11/20/2009	No	No	No
Monsanto Corp. Michael Parrish, 202-383-2859 michael.parrish@monsanto.com	11/20/2009	No	No	No
Nufarm Limited Joel R. Junker, 206-621-7878 joel@jrjtradelaw.com emily@jrjtradelaw.com	11/20/2009	No	No	No
Solutia Inc. Kassie Wooton, 314-674-3297 kdwoot@solutia.com Robert Hurley The Accord Group, 202-289-9800 rhurley@theaccordgroup.com	11/20/2009	No	No	No
Syngenta Crop Protection, Inc. Angus Kelly, 202-632-6084 angus.kelly@syngenta.com	11/20/2009	No	No	No
United Phosphorous Inc. Diane Fago, 610- 491-2816 diane.fago@uniphos.com	11/20/2009	No	No	No
Valent USA Corp. Robin Demouth, 925-256-2758 robin.demouth@valent.com	11/20/2009	No	No	No

Technical comments:⁵ None.

⁵ 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.

111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1864

To extend the temporary suspension of duty on 2-Mercaptoethanol.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 26, 2009

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

A BILL

To extend the temporary suspension of duty on 2-Mercaptoethanol.

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. 2-MERCAPTOETHANOL.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Heading 9902.01.60 of the Har-
5 monized Tariff Schedule of the United States (relating to
6 2-Mercaptoethanol) is amended by striking the date in the
7 effective period column and inserting “December 31,
8 2011”.

9 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
10 this section shall apply with respect to goods entered, or

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

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