

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

**MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION
of the 111th Congress ¹**

[Date approved: April 8, 2010]²

Bill No. and sponsor: S. 1958 (Mr. Robert P. Casey, Jr., of Pennsylvania).

Proponent name,³ location: PPG Industries, Pittsburgh, PA.

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

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

Retroactive effect: None.

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

Bisphenol A diglycidyl ether resin (CAS No. 25085-99-8) (provided for in subheading 3907.30.00).

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 type of epoxy resin, designed for use in powder coatings when mixed with pigments and curing agents. Other applications include adhesives, casting and tooling, composites, automotive coatings, can and coil coatings, marine protective coatings, photocure industrial coatings, and potting and encapsulation. The product is imported from Taiwan.

Estimated effect on customs revenue for the subject product classifiable in HTS subheading 3907.30.00:

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Col. 1-General rate of duty					
Col. 1-General rate of duty	6.1%	6.1%	6.1%	6.1%	6.1%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports ^a	\$6,000,000	\$8,000,000	\$9,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$11,000,000
Customs revenue loss ^b	\$366,000	\$488,000	\$549,000	\$610,000	\$671,000

^{a/} Dutiable import estimates were based on Commission and industry estimates.

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

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² Access to an electronic copy of this memorandum is available at http://www.usitc.gov/tariff_affairs/congress_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)		
PPG Industries (Proponent) William Ries, wries@ppg.com Rebecca Tomei, rtomei@ppg.com	11/13/2009	No	No	No
Air Products and Chemicals, Inc. Steven Belaus, BELAUSSB@airproducts.com	11/17/2009	No	No	No
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Reichhold, Inc. Edward R. Leydon, ed.leydon@reichhold.com	11/17/2009	No	No	No

Technical comments:⁴

The Commission staff suggests that the article description given on page 1 of this report be used as the article description in the proposed new heading in order to include the correct chemical name.

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.

111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1958

To suspend temporarily the duty on medium molecular weight solid epoxy resin.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 28, 2009

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

A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on medium molecular weight solid epoxy 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. MEDIUM MOLECULAR WEIGHT SOLID EPOXY**

4 **RESIN.**

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:

“	9902.01.00	Medium molecular weight solid epoxy resin (CAS No. 25085–99–8) (provided for in subheading 3907.30.00)	Free	No change	No change	On or before 12/31/2011	”.
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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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