

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

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

[Date approved: April 16, 2010]²

Bill No. and sponsor: S. 2017 (Mr. Robert Menendez of New Jersey)

Proponent name,³ location: Rhodia Inc., Cranbury, NJ.

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)):

Mixtures of polyethylene glycol (CAS No. 25322-68-3), (acetato)pentammine cobalt dinitrate (CAS No. 14854-63-8), and zinc carbonate (CAS No. 3486-35-9) (provided for in subheading 3815.90.50).

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, imported from France, is used as a bleach activator in detergents.

Estimated effect on customs revenue for the subject product classifiable in HTS subheading 3815.90.50:

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Col. 1-General rate of duty					
Col. 1-General rate of duty	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$5,320,000	\$5,320,000	\$5,320,000	\$5,320,000	\$5,320,000
Customs revenue loss ^b	\$266,000	\$266,000	\$266,000	\$266,000	\$266,000

a/ Dutiable import estimates were based on industry information.

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

¹ Industry analyst preparing report: Jack Greenblatt (202-205-3353); 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/proponent identified one additional beneficiary of this bill. USITC staff sent inquiries to the additional beneficiary and received a response from the beneficiary. It submitted a written representation that it would benefit from 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)		
Rhodia Inc. (Proponent) David Klucsik, 609-860-3616	11/23/2009	No	No	No
Soap and Detergents Association Douglas Troutman, 202-347-2900 info@cleaning101.com	12/07/2009	No	No	No
Procter & Gamble Matt Mattingley, Matt@mattingleygroup.com	12/07/2009	No	No	No

Technical comments:⁴

The Commission staff notes that section 1(b) of the bill would strike HTS heading 9902.03.34, a heading that had provided a temporary duty suspension for a similar mixture. Heading 9902.03.34 expired on December 31, 2006.

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. 2017

To suspend temporarily the duty on Coflake.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 29, 2009

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

A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on Coflake.

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. COFLAKE.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 99 of
5 the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States is
6 amended by inserting in numerical sequence the following
7 new heading:

“	9902.01.00	Mixtures of polyethylene glycol (CAS No. 25322–68–3), (acetato)pentammine cobalt dinitrate (CAS No. 14854–63–8), and zinc carbonate (CAS No. 3486–35–9) (provided for in subheading 3815.90.50)	Free	No change	No change	On or before 12/31/2011	”.
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1 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Such subchapter is
2 further amended by striking heading 9902.03.34.

3 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
4 subsection (a) applies to goods entered, or withdrawn from
5 warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after
6 the date of the enactment of this Act.

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