

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20436

**MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION  
of the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress<sup>1</sup>**

[Date approved: May 3, 2010]<sup>2</sup>

**Bill No. and sponsor:** S. 2180 (Mr. Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania et al.).

**Proponent name,<sup>3</sup> location:** The Purolite Company, Bala Cynwyd, PA.

**Other bills on product (111<sup>th</sup> Congress only):** S. 2203.

**Nature of bill:** Renewal of temporary duty suspension through December 31, 2011.<sup>4</sup>

**Retroactive effect:** None.

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

Macroporous ion-exchange resin comprising a copolymer of styrene crosslinked with divinylbenzene, thiol functionalized (CAS No. 113834-91-6) (provided for in subheading 3914.00.60).

**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 weakly acidic, positively charged, cation exchange resin with very pronounced selectivity for the removal of certain positively charged metal cations, e.g., rhodium, copper, silver, cadmium, and lead. It has been most specifically designed for the removal of mercury from different chemical process solutions and gaseous process streams and can be regenerated with hydrochloric acid. The product is imported from China, France, and India.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Industry analyst preparing report: Ray Cantrell (202-205-3362); Tariff Affairs contact: David Michels (202-205-3440).

<sup>2</sup> Access to an electronic copy of this memorandum is available at [http://www.usitc.gov/tariff\\_affairs/congress\\_reports/](http://www.usitc.gov/tariff_affairs/congress_reports/).

<sup>3</sup> The sponsor/proponent identified three additional beneficiaries of this bill. USITC staff sent inquiries to the additional beneficiaries. All three of the identified beneficiaries submitted a written response that they would benefit from this bill.

<sup>4</sup> Heading 9902.02.30 expired on December 31, 2006.

<sup>5</sup> Imports of the subject product from India are eligible for duty-free treatment under the Generalized System of Preferences.

**Estimated effect on customs revenue for the subject product classifiable in HTS subheading 3914.00.60:**

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Col. 1-General rate of duty	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports <sup>a</sup>	\$1,000,000	\$1,500,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,500,000	\$3,000,000
Customs revenue loss <sup>b</sup>	\$39,000	\$58,500	\$78,000	\$97,500	\$117,000

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.

**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)	
The Purolite Company (Proponent) Gary Thundercliffe, <a href="mailto:gthundercliffe@puroliteusa.com">gthundercliffe@puroliteusa.com</a>	11/28/2009	No	No	No
Bayer Corporation Karen Niedermeyer, <a href="mailto:karen.niedermeyer.b@bayer.com">karen.niedermeyer.b@bayer.com</a>	12/01/2009	No	No	No
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Resintech Mike Gottlieb, 609-792-8154 <a href="mailto:m.gottlieb@resintech.com">m.gottlieb@resintech.com</a>	12/01/2009	No	No	No
Thermax, Inc. Jim Sabzali, <a href="mailto:jsabzali@thermax-usa.com">jsabzali@thermax-usa.com</a>	12/04/2009	No	No	No

**Technical comments:<sup>6</sup>**

The Commission staff notes that HTS heading 9902.02.30 expired on December 31, 2006. Accordingly, section 1(a) of the bill should be amended by deleting “12/31/2009” and inserting “12/31/2006” in lieu thereof.

<sup>6</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.

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# S. 2180

To renew the temporary suspension of duty on macroporous ion-exchange resin comprising a copolymer of styrene crosslinked with divinylbenzene, thiol functionalized.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 29, 2009

Mr. SPECTER (for himself and Mr. CASEY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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## A BILL

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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. MACROPOROUS ION-EXCHANGE RESIN COM-**  
4 **PRISING A COPOLYMER OF STYRENE**  
5 **CROSSLINKED WITH DIVINYLBENZENE,**  
6 **THIOL FUNCTIONALIZED.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Heading 9902.02.30 of the Har-  
8 monized Tariff Schedule of the United States (relating to  
9 macroporous ion-exchange resin comprising a copolymer

1 of styrene crosslinked with divinylbenzene, thiol  
2 functionalized) is amended by striking “12/31/2009” and  
3 inserting “12/31/2011”.

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

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