

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

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

[Date approved: June 4, 2010]²

Bill No. and sponsor: S. 2199 (Mr. Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania et al.).

Proponent name,³ location: Dow Advanced Materials, Philadelphia, 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)):

Poly(4-(1-isobutoxyethoxy)styrene-*co*-4-hydroxystyrene) (CAS No. 199432-82-1) dissolved in 1-methoxy-2-propanol acetate (CAS No. 108-65-6) (provided for in subheading 3208.90.00).

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 products are copolymers synthesized from substituted styrene monomers consisting of a solution of about 30 percent polymer dissolved in 70 percent volatile organic solvent. These products are photoresist precursor polymers that are used in downstream microlithography processes, a critical step in the manufacture of microcircuitry components such as semiconductors, microprocessors, printed circuit boards, integrated circuits, and liquid crystal displays. The products are imported from Japan.

Estimated effect on customs revenue for the subject product classifiable in HTS subheading 3208.90.00:

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Col. 1-General rate of duty					
Col. 1-General rate of duty	3.2%	3.2%	3.2%	3.2%	3.2%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports ^a	\$2,000,000	\$2,500,000	\$3,000,000	\$3,500,000	\$4,000,000
Customs revenue loss ^b	\$64,000	\$80,000	\$96,000	\$112,000	\$128,000

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)	
Dow Advanced Materials (Proponent) Geoffrey B. Hurwitz, ghurwitz@rohmmaas.com	02/05/2010	No	No	No
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Bayer Corporation Karen Niedermeyer, karen.niedermeyer.b@bayer.com	02/10/2010	No	No	No
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Shell Chemical Company Steve Chin, steve.chin@shell.com	02/19/2010	No	No	No

Technical comments:⁴

The Commission staff suggests that the article description on page 1 of this report be used in the proposed new heading in order to provide the correct name of the chemical solvent, the correct CAS number, and the correct HTS subheading reference.

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. 2199

To suspend temporarily the duty on poly(4-(1-isobutoxy ethoxy)styrene-co-4-hydroxystyrene) dissolved in propylene glycol monomethyl ether acetate.

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

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. POLY(4-(1-ISOBUTOXY ETHOXY)STYRENE-CO-4-**
4 **HYDROXYSTYRENE) DISSOLVED IN PRO-**
5 **PYLENE GLYCOL MONOMETHYL ETHER ACE-**
6 **TATE.**

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

“	9902.01.00	Poly(4-(1-isobutoxy ethoxy)styrene-co-4-hydroxystyrene) (CAS No. 199432-82-1) dissolved in propylene glycol monomethyl ether acetate (CAS No. 70657-70-4) (provided for in subheading 3903.90.50)	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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