

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

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

[Date approved: May 3, 2010]²

Bill No. and sponsor: S. 2569 (Mr. Christopher S. Bond of Missouri).

Proponent name,³ location: BASF, Florham Park, NJ.

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)):

Methyl methoxyacetate (CAS No. 6290-49-9) (provided for in subheading 2918.99.50)

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 is used to produce a post-emergence broadleaf weed killer that is used on soybeans, vegetables, and turf. The product is imported from China.

Estimated effect on customs revenue for the subject product classifiable in HTS subheading 2918.99.50:

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Col. 1-General rate of duty					
Col. 1-General rate of duty	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports ^a	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000
Customs revenue loss ^b	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000

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.

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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.

⁴ Heading 9902.22.04 expired on December 31, 2009.

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?
BASF Corporation (Proponent) Gregory A. Thies, gregory.thies@basf.com	11/30/2009	No	No	No
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Nisso America Inc. Toshiyuki Iwama, t.iwama@nissoamerica.com	11/30/2009	No	No	No
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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. 2569

To extend the temporary suspension of duty on methy methoxyacetate.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 30, 2009

Mr. BOND 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 methy
methoxyacetate.

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. METHY METHYOXYACETATE.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Heading 9902.22.04 of the Har-
5 monized Tariff Schedule of the United States (relating to
6 methy methoxyacetate) is amended by striking the date
7 in the effective period column and inserting “12/31/2011”.

8 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
9 subsection (a) applies to goods entered, or withdrawn from

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

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