

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

**MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION
of the 110th Congress ¹**

[Date approved: May 23, 2008]²

Bill No. and sponsor: H.R. 4924 (Mr. John M. Spratt Jr. of South Carolina).

Proponent name,³ location: Elgin Fine Chemicals, Elgin, SC.

Other bills on product (110th Congress only): None.

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

Retroactive effect: None.

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

(E)-2-Butenoic acid (Crotonic acid) (CAS No. 107-93-7) (provided for in subheading 2916.19.30).

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, a synthetic organic chemical, is used as a preservative in cosmetics and personal care products. It is imported from Germany.

Estimated effect on customs revenue:

HTS subheading: <u>2916.19.30</u>					
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Col. 1-General rate of duty	6.1%	6.1%	6.1%	6.1%	6.1%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,700,000	\$1,700,000
Customs revenue loss 1/	\$0	\$91,500	\$91,500	\$103,700	\$103,700

1/ There is an existing duty suspension under HTS heading 9902.04.10 that expires on December 31, 2009. Therefore, there will be no customs revenue loss related to this bill in 2009.

Source of estimated dutiable import data: U.S. industry estimates.

¹ Industry analyst preparing report: Andrew Gately (202-205-3437); Tariff Affairs contact: David Michels (202-205-3440).

² Access to an electronic copy of this memorandum is available at http://www.usitc.gov/tata/hts/other/rel_doc/bill_reports/.

³ The sponsor/proponent identified one additional beneficiary of this bill. USITC staff sent an inquiry to the named beneficiary, which did not respond.

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)		
Elgin Fine Chemicals (Proponent) Andrew Zamoyski, Fax: 202-248-9043	04/08/2008	No	No	No
Alfa Aesar Raffi Decomengion, Fax: 978-521-6350	04/10/2008	No	No	No
Firmenich, Inc. Laura Heybur, Fax: 609-452-8063	04/10/2008	No	No	No
Givaudian-Roure Co. Diane Koenig, Fax: 973-448-6624	04/10/2008	No	No	No
International Flavors & Fragrance Tom Kinlin, Fax: 732-335-2244	04/10/2008	No	No	No
Kalsec, Inc. George Todd, gtodd@kalsec.com	04/10/2008	No	No	No
Koch Industries Ron Osman, Fax: 361-242-8353	04/10/2008	No	No	No
Penta Mfg. Co. George Volpe, Fax: 973-740-1839	04/10/2008	No	No	No
PHT International Anita Hill, 704-246-3480	04/11/2008	No	No	No
Spectrum Chemical Tom Tyner, Fax: 310-516-2034	04/10/2008	No	No	No
TCI America Tina Mortenson, sales@tciamerica.com	04/10/2008	No	No	No

Technical comments:⁴

None.

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.

110TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 4924

To extend the temporary suspension of duty on Crotonic Acid.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 19, 2007

Mr. SPRATT introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

To extend the temporary suspension of duty on Crotonic
Acid.

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. CROTONIC ACID.**

4 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Heading 9902.04.10 of the Har-
5 monized Tariff Schedule of the United States (relating to
6 Crotonic Acid) is amended by striking the date in the ef-
7 fective 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

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

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