

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20436

**MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION  
of the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress <sup>1</sup>**

[Date approved: July 3, 2008]<sup>2</sup>

**Bill No. and sponsor:** H.R. 5050 (Mr. Scott Garrett of New Jersey).

**Proponent name,<sup>3</sup> location:** Lonza Inc., Allendale, NJ.

**Other bills on product (110<sup>th</sup> 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)):**

3,4-Dihydroxy-3-cyclobutene-1,2-dione (squaric acid) (CAS No. 2892-51-5) (provided for in subheading 2914.40.90).

**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 synthetic organic chemical that is used in photographic and health imaging applications. The product is imported from Switzerland.

**Estimated effect on customs revenue:**

HTS subheading: <u>2914.40.90</u>					
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
<del>Col. 1-General rate of duty</del>					
Col. 1-General rate of duty	4.8%	4.8%	4.8%	4.8%	4.8%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Customs revenue loss	\$48,000	\$48,000	\$48,000	\$48,000	\$48,000

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

<sup>1</sup> Industry analyst preparing report: Jeff Clark (202-205-3318); 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/tata/hts/other/rel\\_doc/bill\\_reports/](http://www.usitc.gov/tata/hts/other/rel_doc/bill_reports/).

<sup>3</sup> 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)		
Lonza Inc. (Proponent) Greg McCue, 202-429-6421	4/1/2008	No	No	No
Abbott Laboratories Elaine Leavenworth, Fax: 202-783-6631	4/17/2008	No	No	No
American Chemistry Council Marty Durbin, Fax: 703-741-6097	4/17/2008	No	No	No
BASF Corp. Greg Thies, Fax: 202-558-5101	4/17/2008	No	No	No
Bayer Corp. Karen Niedermeyer, Fax: 412-777-4740 Julie Van Egmund, Fax: 202-737-8909	4/17/2008	No	No	No
Biddle Sawyer Corp. William Thonack, Fax: 212-239-1089	4/17/2008	No	No	No
Chemtura Matt Mattingley, Fax: 202-463-8497 Lloyd Moon, Fax: 203-573-2686	4/17/2008	No	No	No
Ciba Specialty Chemicals Corp. Robert Hurley, Fax: 202-289-3588 Michelle Forte, Fax: 914-785-4831	4/17/2008	No	No	No
Clariant Corporation Andrew Zamoyski, Fax: 202-248-9043	4/17/2008	No	No	No
Dow Lisa Schroeter, Fax: 202-429-3467	4/17/2008	No	No	No
Dupont Helen McMahon, Fax: 302-355-2994	4/17/2008	No	No	No
Eastman Chemical Greg Riddle, Fax: 212-835-1621	4/17/2008	No	No	No
Emerald Performance Chemicals Tom Dirmyer, Fax: 330-315-6480	4/17/2008	No	No	No
Honeywell International Art Simonetti, Fax: 202-662-2675	4/17/2008	No	No	No
Monsanto Grant Erdel, Fax: 202-789-1867	4/17/2008	No	No	No

Name of firm/organization	Date contacted	Claim US makes same or competing product(s)?	Submission attached?	Opposition noted?
Rhodia Dominick Cangiano, Fax: 609-860-2256	4/17/2008	No	No	No
Solutia Kassie Wooton, Fax: 314-674-1585	4/17/2008	No	No	No

**Technical comments:<sup>4</sup>**

The Commission staff notes that the initial letter in the chemical name, “Dihydroxy”, should be capitalized.

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<sup>4</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.

110TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 5050

To suspend temporarily the duty on squaric acid.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 17, 2008

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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## A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on squaric 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. SQUARIC ACID.**

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	3,4-dihydroxy-3-cyclobutene-1,2-dione (squaric acid) (CAS No. 2892-51-5) (provided for in subheading 2914.40.90) .....	Free	No change	No change	On or before 12/31/2011	”.
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8 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
9 subsection (a) applies to articles entered, or withdrawn

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

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