

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

**MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION
of the 109th Congress¹**

[Date approved: October 26, 2006]²

Bill No. and sponsor: S. 3202 (Mr. Frank R. Lautenberg of New Jersey).

Proponent name, location: Solvay Solexis, Inc., Thorofare, NJ.

Other bills on product (109th Congress only): None.

Nature of bill: Temporary duty suspension through December 31, 2009.

Retroactive effect: None.

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

Vinylidene chloride-methyl methacrylate-acrylonitrile copolymer (CAS No. 25214-39-5) (provided for in subheading 3904.50.00).

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 product is a soluble white vinylidene chloride copolymer powder. It is used as a topcoat for the coating of cellulosic or plastic films in a 60/40 percent by weight solvent mixture of tetrahydrofuran and toluene. The subject product is imported from Belgium.

Estimated effect on customs revenue:

HTS subheading: 3904.50.00					
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Col. 1-General rate of duty	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$2,810,000	\$2,873,000	\$2,983,000	\$3,680,000	\$4,710,000
Customs revenue loss	\$182,650	\$186,745	\$193,895	\$239,200	\$306,150

Source of estimated dutiable import data: Commission and industry estimates.

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

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

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)		
Solvay Solexis, Inc. (Proponent) Max Turnipseed, 225-338-0310 Kirk Paisley, 740-587-7169	08/01/2006	No	No	No
Bayer Corporation Karen Niedermeyer, 412-777-2058	08/02/2006	No	No	No
Ciba Specialty Chemicals John Demming, 302-479-5499	08/03/2006	No	No	No
Efficient Global Trade, Inc. Henry P. Stoebenau, 215-628-4919	08/02/2006	No	No	No
Tekni-Plex (Colorite) George Pominac, 800-800-4673 Jay Klein, 800-800-4673 Bob Mitchell, 800-800-4673 Dave Axmann, 609-239-2200	08/03/2006	No	No	No
Dow Chemical Company Lisa Schroeter, 202-429-3400	08/02/2006	No	No	No
DuPont Elaine M. Olsen, 302-992-2263 Helen McMahan, 302-992-2263	08/02/2006	No	No	No
LANXESS Corporation Jamie Schaeffer, 412-809-3666	08/02/2006	No	No	No
PolyOne Specialty Resins Group Carl Stauffo, 856-299-8659	08/03/2006	No	No	No
OxyChem Mihir Patel, 972-404-3459	08/03/2006	No	No	No
PPG Industries Rita Ferguson, 513-576-3106 Lynne Schmidt, 412-434-4397 Judy F. Mafkrey, 412-434-2476	08/03/2006	No	No	No

Technical comments:³ None.

³ 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.

109TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

S. 3202

To suspend temporarily the duty on vinylidene chloride-methyl methacrylate-acrylonitrile copolymer.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 25, 2006

Mr. LAUTENBERG introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on vinylidene chloride-methyl methacrylate-acrylonitrile copolymer.

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. VINYLIDENE CHLORIDE-METHYL METHACRY-**
4 **LATE-ACRYLONITRILE COPOLYMER.**

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

“	9902.39.03	Vinylidene chloride-methyl methacrylate-acrylonitrile copolymer (CAS No. 25214-39-5) (provided for in subheading 3904.50.00)	Free	No change	No change	On or before 12/31/2009	”.
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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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