MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION
of the 109th Congress

[Date approved: July 26, 2005]

Bill No. and sponsor: H.R. 638 (Ms. Kaptur)

Proponent name, location: Perstorp Polyols, Inc.
Toledo, OH

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


Retroactive effect: None.

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

Mixture of 2-butyl-2-ethylpropane-1,3-diol (CAS No. 115-84-4) and neopentyl glycol (CAS No. 126-30-7) (provided for in subheading 3824.90.91).

Check one:

Same as that in bill as introduced

Different from that in bill as introduced (explain differences in Technical comments section)

Product information, including uses/applications and source(s) of imports:

The subject mixture is used as a component of architectural and industrial coatings (i.e., paints) and also used to make heat stabilizers for polyethylene and polypropylene.

The chemical is imported from Perstorp Oxo Intermediates (Belgium).
Estimated effect on customs revenue:

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<th>HTS subheading: 3824.90.91</th>
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<td>Col. 1-General rate of duty (AVE) 1/</td>
<td>5.0%</td>
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<td>Estimated value of dutiable imports</td>
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<td>Customs revenue loss</td>
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1/ The AVE is the ad valorem equivalent of a specific or compound duty rate expressed as a percent, using the most recent import data available.

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

Contacts with domestic firms/organizations (including the proponent):

<table>
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<th>Name of firm/organization</th>
<th>Date contacted</th>
<th>US production of same or competitive product claimed?</th>
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<tr>
<td>Perstorp Polyols, Inc. (Proponent)</td>
<td>6/8/2005</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td>Jeff Jones, (419) 729-5448</td>
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<td>Carbomer, Inc. Marketing Mgr., FAX (508) 898-0432</td>
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<td>Harvin Reaction Technology, Inc. Marketing Mgr., FAX (336) 294-0897</td>
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<td>Ruco Polymers Marketing Mgr., FAX (516) 931-8197</td>
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<td>Solvay Interox Marketing Mgr., FAX (713) 524-9032</td>
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<td>Total Specialty Chemicals, Inc. Marketing Mgr., FAX (203) 966-1505</td>
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<td>Vopak USA Inc. Marketing Mgr., FAX (425) 889-4100</td>
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Technical comments:

The Commission suggests that the article description provided on page 1 of this report be used in the proposed new heading, to provide for a correct chemical name and to remove incorrect capitalization.

The Commission also suggests that the phrase “No change” be inserted in lieu of “Free” in the special subcolumn of the proposed new heading.
H. R. 638

To suspend temporarily the duty on BEPD70L.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

February 8, 2005

Ms. KAPTUR introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on BEPD70L.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. BEPD70L.

(a) In General.—Subchapter II of chapter 99 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States is amended by inserting in numerical sequence the following new heading:

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9902.07.03 Mixture of BEPD and Neopentyl Glycol (CAS Nos. 115-84-4 and 126-30-7) (provided for in subheading 3824.90.91) Free Free No change On or before 12/31/2008`
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(b) Effective Date.—The amendment made by subsection (a) applies with respect to goods entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after the date of the enactment of this Act.