

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20436

**MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION  
of the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress<sup>1</sup>**

[Date approved: October 5, 2005]<sup>2</sup>

**Bill No. and sponsor:** H.R. 1913 (Mr. David L. Hobson of Ohio)

**Proponent name, location:** 3M Precision Optics, Inc., Cincinnati, OH 45245

**Other bills on product (109<sup>th</sup> Congress only):** None.

**Nature of bill:** Temporary duty suspension through 12/31/2009.

**Retroactive effect:** None.

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

2-Propenoic acid, 2-methyl-, methyl ester, polymer with 1-cyclohexyl-1*H*-pyrrole-2,5-dione, ethenylbenzene and (1-methylethenyl)benzene (CAS No. 107194-09-2) (provided for in subheading 3906.10.00).

**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 imported under the registered trade name ACRYPET® UT100, also known as SHINKOLITE® P UT 100. This material is a clear acrylic copolymer resin in the form of injection-molded acrylic pellets that are used to manufacture C-Elements (C-shaped lenses), or color filters, for rear-projection CRT television lens assemblies. The lenses are molded in individual transparent colors of red, green, and clear prior to assembly, and are intended for high temperature use. Only 3M Precision Optics, the proponent, is reported to import this product. ACRYPET® UT100 is imported from Mitsubishi Rayon Corporation of Japan.

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<sup>2</sup> Access to an electronic copy of this memorandum is available at [http://usitc.gov/tata/hts/other/rel\\_doc/bill\\_reports/index.htm](http://usitc.gov/tata/hts/other/rel_doc/bill_reports/index.htm)

**Estimated effect on customs revenue:**

<b>HTS subheading: <u>3906.10.00</u></b>					
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Col. 1-General rate of duty	6.3%	6.3%	6.3%	6.3%	6.3%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$1,500,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Customs revenue loss	\$94,500	\$63,000	\$63,000	\$63,000	\$63,000

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

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

Name of firm/organization	Date contacted	US production of same or competitive product claimed?	Submission attached?	Opposition noted?
		(Yes/No)		
3M Precision Optics, Inc. (Proponent) Mr. Jay Cushenberry 513-943-5611	8/23/2005	No	No	No
International Business-Govt. Counselors (IBC) Mr. Steve Ziehm 202-872-8181	8/23/2005	No	No	No
Bayer Corporation Ms. Karen L. Niedermeyer 412-777-2058	8/19/2005	No	No	No
Dow Chemical Company Ms. Lisa Schroeter 202-429-3400	8/19/2005	No	No	No
DuPont Ms. Elaine M. Olsen 302-992-2263	8/19/2005	No	No	No
LANXESS Corporation Ms. Jamie Schaeffer 412-809-3666	8/19/2005	No	No	No
Mitsubishi Rayon America, Inc. Mr. Ishii 212-223-3043 (ext. 109)	8/22/2005	No	No	No
Rohm and Haas Company Mr. Henry P. Stoebenau 15-628-4919	8/19/2005	No	No	No

**Technical comments:**<sup>3</sup>

The Commission notes that the proposed HTS heading does not contain an 8-digit heading number, and suggests that the article description on page 1 of this report be used in the proposed new heading in order to italicize the capital letter “H.”

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<sup>3</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.

109<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 1913

To suspend temporarily the duty on ACRYPET UT100.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 27, 2005

Mr. HOBSON 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 ACRYPET UT100.

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. SUSPENSION OF DUTY ON ACRYPET UT100.**

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.--	2-Propenoic acid, 2-methyl-, methyl ester, polymer with 1-cyclohexyl-1H-pyrrole-2,5-dione, ethylbenzene and (1-methylethenyl)benzene (CAS No. 107194-09-2) (provided for in subheading 3906.10.00) .....	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 articles entered, or withdrawn  
3 from warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day  
4 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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