

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

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

[Date approved: October 12, 2005]²

Bill No. and sponsor: H.R. 2019 (Mrs. Ellen O. Tauscher of California).

Proponent name, location: Valent U.S.A. Corp., Walnut Creek, CA

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

Nature of bill: Temporary duty suspension through December 31, 2008.

Retroactive effect: None.

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

2-[1-Methyl-2-(4-phenoxyphenoxy)ethoxy]pyridine (Pyriproxyfen) (CAS No. 95737-68-1) (provided for in subheading 2933.39.27)

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, commonly known as Pyriproxyfen, is a member of the pyridine class of insecticides. It controls various insect species by suppressing embryogenesis within the insect egg and by inhibiting metamorphosis and the emergence of adult insects. Pyriproxyfen targets insects that damage the following crops: cotton, apples, pears, citrus, fruiting vegetables, and nuts.

Pyriproxyfen is imported from Sumitomo Chemical Company, Ltd., the parent company of Valent U.S.A. Corp., in Tokyo, Japan. There are no other known importers.

¹ Industry analyst preparing report: Jeff Clark (202-205-3318); 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

Estimated effect on customs revenue:

HTS subheading: 2933.39.27					
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Col. 1-General rate of duty					
Col. 1-General rate of duty	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$5,500,000	\$5,500,000	\$5,500,000	\$5,500,000	\$5,500,000
Customs revenue loss ^{1/}	\$357,500	\$357,500	\$357,500	\$357,500	\$357,500

^{1/} The estimated revenue loss for 2005 and 2006 results from a temporary duty suspension that is provided for in HTS heading 9902.05.23, which expires December 31, 2006.

Revenue loss for 2005 and 2006 results from an existing suspension of duty per heading 9902.05.23. Source of estimated dutiable import data: 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)	
Valent U.S.A. Corp. (Proponent) Robin Demouth, 925-256-2758 Jed D'Ercole, 202-835-0740	8/11/2005 8/12/2005 8/15/2005	No	No	No
BASF Corp. Tom Coleman, 202-289-3900	8/12/2005	No	No	No
Bayer Corp. Karen Niedermeyer, 412-777-2058	8/12/2005	No	No	No
E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company Elaine Olsen, 302-992-2263	8/12/2005	No	No	No
Monsanto Corp. Linda Strachan, 202-383-2849	8/12/2005	No	No	No
Syngenta Crop Protection Mike Blythe, 336-632-6000	8/12/2005	No	No	No

Technical comments:³

The Commission notes that HTS heading 9902.05.23 provides a current duty suspension for the subject chemical until December 31, 2006. The Commission suggests that the new duty suspension be enacted using this heading number. This could be accomplished by deleting heading 9902.05.23, and by using that heading number for the new duty suspension in this bill.⁴ The Commission suggests that the article description on page 1 be used because it includes the common chemical name Pyriproxyfen.

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.

⁴ Specifically, line 6 of the bill could be amended to read “. . .amended by striking heading 9902.05.23 and inserting in lieu thereof the following . . .”. In addition, the heading number of the bill, 9902.06.18, should be deleted and replaced with 9902.05.23.

109TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2019

To suspend temporarily the duty on Pyriproxyfen.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 28, 2005

Mrs. TAUSCHER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on Pyriproxyfen.

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. PYRIPROXYFEN.**

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:

“	9902.06.18	2-[1-Methyl-2-(4-phenoxyphenoxy)ethoxy]pyridine (CAS No. 95737-68-1) (provided for in subheading 2933.39.27) ..	Free	No change	No change	On or before 12/31/2008	”.
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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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