MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION of the 109th Congress

Bill No. and sponsor: H.R. 2022 (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.


Retroactive effect: None.

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

Sodium 2,6-bis[(4,6-dimethoxypyrimidin-2-yl)oxy]benzoate (Bispyribac-sodium) (CAS No. 125401–92–5) (provided for in subheading 2933.59.10)

Check one:  X 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, commonly known as Bispyribac-sodium, is a member of the pyrimidinyloxybenzoic class of herbicides. It is a post-emergence herbicide that is targeted at annual and perennial grasses, sedges, and broadleaf weeds that affect rice fields. Bispyribac-sodium is imported from Japan. There are no other known importers.
Estimated effect on customs revenue:

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<td>Estimated value of dutiable imports</td>
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1/ Revenue loss for 2005 and 2006 results from a current suspension of duty per heading 9902.05.20.
Source of estimated dutiable import data: Industry estimates.

Contacts with domestic firms/organizations (including the proponent):
Technical comments: The Commission notes that HTS heading 9902.05.20 provides a current duty suspension for the subject chemical until December 31, 2006. The Commission suggests that the date in the effective period column of heading 9902.05.20 be amended to extend the existing duty suspension, making the insertion of a new heading as in the bill unnecessary.
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 Bispyribac-sodium.

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

SECTION 1. BISPYRIBAC-SODIUM.

(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:

| 9902.06.21 | Sodium 2,6-bis[(4,6-dimethoxypyrimidin-2-
yl)oxy]benzoate (Bispyribac-sodium) (CAS No. 125401-92-5) (provided for in subheading 2933.59.10) | Free | No change | No change | On or before 12/31/2008 |
(b) Effective Date.—The amendment made by subsection (a) applies to goods entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after the date of the enactment of this Act.