MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION of the 109th Congress

[Date approved: September 20, 2005]

Bill No. and sponsor: H.R. 2115 (Mr. Jerry Weller of Illinois)

Proponent name, location: BASF Corporation
Florham Park, NJ

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

Nature of bill: To suspend the duty through December 31, 2008.

Retroactive effect: None.

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

2-Propenoic acid, polymer with ethenylbenzene and 2-ethylhexyl 2-propenoate (CAS No. 25085-19-2) (provided for in subheading 3903.90.50)

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 compound is a chemical intermediate used to produce adhesives for foam and building products.

The subject compound is imported from Germany. There are no other known importers and there is no known U.S. production.
Estimated effect on customs revenue:

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<th>HTS subheading:</th>
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<td>Col. 1-General rate of duty</td>
<td>2005 2006 2007 2008 2009</td>
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<td>6.5% 6.5% 6.5% 6.5% 6.5%</td>
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<td>Estimated value dutiable imports</td>
<td>$1,600,000 $1,600,000 $1,600,000 $1,600,000 $1,600,000</td>
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<td>Customs revenue loss</td>
<td>$104,000 $104,000 $104,000 $104,000 $104,000</td>
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Source of estimated dutiable import data: Industry estimates.

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

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<th>Name of firm/organization</th>
<th>Date contacted</th>
<th>US production of same or competitive product claimed?</th>
<th>Submission attached?</th>
<th>Opposition noted?</th>
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<tr>
<td>BASF Corporation (proponent)</td>
<td>07/20/2005, 07/25/2005, 08/02/2005</td>
<td>No</td>
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Technical comments:³

The Commission suggests that the article description on page 1 of this report be used in the proposed new heading in order to provide the correct CAS number and HTS number.

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.
H. R. 2115

To suspend temporarily the duty on Acronal-S-600.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 5, 2005

Mr. WELLER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on Acronal-S-600.

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

SECTION 1. ACRONAL-S-600.

(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:

2-propenoic acid, polymer with ethenylbenzene and 2-ethylhexyl 2-propenoate (CAS No. 250–85–19–2) (provided for in subheading 3908.90.70) Free No change No change On or before 12/31/2008 [...]

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(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 enactment of this Act.