MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION
of the 109th Congress

[Date approved: September 20, 2005]  

Bill No. and sponsor: H.R. 2118 (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)):  

1H-Imidazole, polymer with (chloromethyl) oxirane (CAS No. 68797-57-9) (provided for in subheading 3911.90.90)  

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 polymer used as a brightening agent for the electroplating industry.  

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

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<th>HTS subheading: 3911.90.90</th>
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<th>2006</th>
<th>2007</th>
<th>2008</th>
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<td>Col. 1-General rate of duty</td>
<td>6.5%</td>
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<td>Estimated value dutiable imports</td>
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<td>Customs revenue loss</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>
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<th>US production of same or competitive product claimed?</th>
<th>Submission attached?</th>
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<tr>
<td>BASF Corporation (proponent)</td>
<td>07/20/2005</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td>Tom Coleman, 202-289-3900</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 italicization of the chemical name and to provide the correct 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.
To suspend temporarily the duty on Sokalan PG IME.

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 Sokalan PG IME.

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

SECTION 1. SOKALAN PG IME.

(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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9902.06.11 1H-Imidazole, polymer with (chloromethyl) oxirane (CAS No. 68797–57–9) (provided for in subheading 3906.90.50) 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.