

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: September 23, 2005]<sup>2</sup>

**Bill No. and sponsor:** H.R. 2221 (Ms. Melissa A. Hart of Pennsylvania)

**Proponent name, location:** LANXESS Corporation  
Pittsburgh, PA

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

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

**Retroactive effect:** None.

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

The subject chemical (see below) is classified in HTS subheading 3812.20.10 and is eligible for a temporary duty suspension under HTS heading 9902.38.14.

**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:**

This chemical mixture, sold under tradenames Mesamoll, Mesamoll II, and ASEP, is a non-phthalate plasticizer for flexible polyvinyl chloride (PVC) and other polymers. It is also used as a safer alternative to chlorinated solvents such as methylene chloride in cleaning polyurethane processing equipment. The product is imported from Germany.

<sup>1</sup> Industry analyst preparing report: Robert Randall (202-205-3366); Tariff Affairs contact: David Michels (202-205-3440).

<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: 3812.20.10</b>					
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Col. 1-General rate of duty	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$1,200,000	\$1,260,000	\$2,175,000	\$2,375,000	\$2,550,000
Customs revenue loss <u>1/</u>	\$78,000	\$81,900	\$141,375	\$154,375	\$165,750

1/ Revenue loss for 2005 and 2006 results from a current suspension of duty per heading 9902.38.14.  
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)		
LANXESS Corporation (Proponent) Jamie Schaeffer (412) 809-3666	7/27/2005	No	No	No
Akzo Nobel Chemicals Inc. Marketing Mgr., FAX: (914) 693-5138	8/8/2005	No	No	No
American Casein Co. Marketing Mgr., FAX: (609) 387-7204	8/8/2005	No	No	No
Ashland Distribution Company Basic Organic Chemicals Group Marketing Mgr., FAX: (614) 790-3465	8/8/2005	No	No	No
Ashland Distribution Company General Polymers Division Marketing Mgr., FAX: (614) 790-3206	8/8/2005	No	No	No
BASF Corporation Marketing Mgr., FAX: (973) 426-2610	8/8/2005	No	No	No
Bayer Corporation Fibers, Additives and Rubber Division Marketing Mgr., FAX: (330) 836-0200	8/8/2005	No	No	No

Bayer Corporation Industrial Chemicals Div. Karen Niedermyer, FAX: (412) 777-7743	8/8/2005	No	No	No
Boehm Filatex Nova Specialty Chemicals Div. Marketing Mgr., FAX: (336) 634-3324	8/8/2005	No	No	No
R E Carroll, Inc. Marketing Mgr., FAX: (609) 695-0102	8/8/2005	No	No	No
ChemCentral Corp. Marketing Mgr., FAX: (708) 594-6328	8/8/2005	No	No	No
The Chemical Company Marketing Mgr., FAX: (401) 423-3102	8/8/2005	No	No	No
CONDEA Vista Company Marketing Mgr., FAX: (281) 588-3144	8/8/2005	No	No	No
Crowley Chemical Company Marketing Mgr., FAX: (212) 953-3487	8/8/2005	No	No	No
Dow Chemical Co., Inc. Marketing Mgr., FAX: (989) 832-1465	8/8/2005	No	No	No
Eastman Chemical Co. Marketing Mgr., FAX: (423) 229-1673	8/8/2005	No	No	No
Ferro Corporation Marketing Mgr., FAX: (216) 750-6536	8/8/2005	No	No	No
Great Lakes Chemical Corporation Marketing Mgr., FAX: (765) 497-6123	8/8/2005	No	No	No
The C P Hall Company Marketing Mgr., FAX: (312) 554-7490	8/8/2005	No	No	No
Harwick Standard Distribution Corporation Marketing Mgr., FAX: (330) 798-4089	8/8/2005	No	No	No
Hatco Corporation Marketing Mgr., FAX: (732) 738-9385	8/8/2005	No	No	No
Hexagon Enterprises, Inc. Marketing Mgr., FAX: (973) 334-8182	8/8/2005	No	No	No
Magna-Kron Corp. Marketing Mgr., FAX: (732) 928-9227	8/8/2005	No	No	No
Monomer-Polymer & Dajac Labs, Inc. Marketing Mgr., FAX: (215) 364-1583	8/8/2005	No	No	No

Morflex, Inc. Marketing Mgr., FAX: (336) 292-9961	8/8/2005	No	No	No
P.A.T. Products, Inc. Marketing Mgr., FAX: (207) 942-9662	8/8/2005	No	No	No
Quaker City Chemicals, Inc. Marketing Mgr., FAX: (215) 333-2218	8/8/2005	No	No	No
Ricon Resins, Inc. Marketing Mgr., FAX: (970) 245-4348	8/8/2005	No	No	No
Rit-Chem Co., Inc. Marketing Mgr., FAX: (914) 769-1408	8/8/2005	No	No	No
Sasol North America Inc. Marketing Mgr., FAX: (281) 588-3107	8/8/2005	No	No	No
Sunoco Chemicals Marketing Mgr., FAX: (215) 246-8797	8/8/2005	No	No	No
Teknor Apex Company Marketing Mgr., FAX: (401) 729-0166	8/8/2005	No	No	No
Total Special Chemicals, Inc. Marketing Mgr., FAX: (203) 966-1505	8/8/2005	No	No	No
U.S. Chemicals, Inc. Marketing Mgr., FAX: (203) 966-3577	8/8/2005	No	No	No
Unitex Chemical Corporation Marketing Mgr., FAX: (336) 272-4312	8/8/2005	No	No	No
Universal Preserv-A-Chem, Inc. Marketing Mgr., FAX: (732) 777-7885	8/8/2005	No	No	No
Velsicol Chemical Corp. Marketing Mgr., FAX: (847) 298-9844	8/8/2005	No	No	No
Vopak USA Inc. Marketing Mgr., FAX: (425) 889-4100	8/8/2005	No	No	No
Whitney & Oettler International Sales Marketing Mgr., FAX: (912) 355-4881	8/8/2005	No	No	No

**Technical comments:**<sup>3</sup> None.

<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. 2221

To extend the duty suspension on Mesamoll.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 10, 2005

Ms. HART introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee  
on Ways and Means

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## A BILL

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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. MESAMOLL.**

4 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Heading 9902.38.14 of the Har-  
5 monized Tariff Schedule of the United States (relating to  
6 a mixture of phenyl esters of C<sub>10</sub>-C<sub>18</sub> alkylsulfonic acids)  
7 is amended by striking “12/31/2006” and inserting “12/  
8 31/2009”.

9 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by  
10 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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