

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. 2268 (Mr. English)

**Proponent name, location:** Rohm and Haas Company  
Philadelphia, PA 19106

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

**Nature of bill:** Temporary duty suspension through 12/31/2008.

**Retroactive effect:** None.

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

Ion-exchange resin powder comprised of a copolymer of methacrylic acid cross-linked with divinylbenzene, in the potassium ionic form, of a nominal particle size between 0.025mm and 0.150 mm, dried to less than 10% moisture (CAS No. 65405-55-2) (provided for in subheading 3914.00.60).

**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 proponent imports this ion-exchange resin under the trade name Amberlite® IRP88. The product is characterized as a weakly acidic positively charged cation exchange resin supplied as a dry powder. It is used principally to provide rapid tablet disintegration of medications in order to speed adsorption in the gastrointestinal tract. The product complies with the specifications of the United States Pharmacopeia/National Formulary. The proponent maintains a master file for this product with the United States Food and Drug Administration. The product is manufactured and imported from proponent's Chauny, France location.

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<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: 3914.00.60</b>					
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Col. 1-General rate of duty	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$290,000	\$295,000	\$300,000	\$310,000	\$320,000
Customs revenue loss	\$11,310	\$11,505	\$11,700	\$12,090	\$12,480

Source of estimated dutiable import data: Commission and 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)		
Rohm and Haas Company (Proponent) Mr. Henry P. Stoebenau 215-628-4919	08/05/2005	No	No	No
Bayer Corporation Ms. Karen L. Niedermeyer 412-777-2058	08/11/2005	No	No	No
Dow Chemical Company Ms. Lisa Schroeder 202-429-3400	08/11/2005	No	No	No
LANXESS Corporation Ms. Jamie B. Schaeffer 412-809-3666	08/11/2005	No	No	No
Purolite Company Mr. Don Brodie Fax: 610-668-1997	8/12/2005	No	No	No

**Technical comments:**<sup>3</sup>

The Commission suggests that the article description on page 1 of this report be used in the proposed new heading in order to provide a more accurate description of the chemical product.

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<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.

109TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 2268

To suspend temporarily the duty on a certain ion exchange resin powder.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 11, 2005

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

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## A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on a certain ion exchange resin powder.

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. ION EXCHANGE RESIN POWDER.**

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:

“	9902.07.13	Ion Exchange resin powder comprised of a copolymer of methacrylic acid cross-linked with divinylbenzene, in the potassium ionic form, dried to less than 10% moisture (CAS No. 65405–55–2) (provided for in subheading 3914.00.60) .....	Free	No change	No change	On or before 12/31/2008	”.
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1       (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
2 subsection (a) applies to goods entered, or withdrawn from  
3 warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after  
4 the date of the enactment of this Act.

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