MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION
of the 109th Congress ¹

[Date approved: November 4, 2005]²

Bill No. and sponsor:  H.R. 2372  (Mrs. Shelley Moore Capito of West Virginia).

Proponent name, location:  DuPont Specialty Chemicals, Belle, WV.

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


Retroactive effect:  None.

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

2-(Methoxycarbonyl)benzylsulfonamide (CAS No. 59777–72–9) (provided for in subheading 2935.00.75).

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 subject product is a synthetic organic chemical intermediate used to produce a herbicide product. The herbicide is then used to manufacture rice herbicide products (based on herbicide active ingredient “Bensulfuron Methyl Technical”). The product is imported from China, but has been imported from Japan in the past and will possibly also be imported from India in the future.
Estimated effect on customs revenue:

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<td>Col. 1-General rate of duty</td>
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1/ Estimated revenue loss for 2005 and 2006 results from a current suspension of duties per heading 9902.29.35.
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>
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<td>E.I. DuPont (Proponent)</td>
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Technical comments: None.

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.
A BILL

To extend the temporary suspension of duty on 2-(Methoxycarbonyl)benzylsulfonamide.

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

SECTION 1. 2-(METHOXYCARBONYL)BENZYLSULFONAMIDE.

(a) In General.—Heading 9902.29.35 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (relating to 2-(Methoxycarbonyl)benzylsulfonamide) is amended by striking “12/31/2006” and inserting “12/31/2008”.

(b) Effective Date.—The amendment made by subsection (a) applies to goods entered, or withdrawn from
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1. warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after
2. the date of enactment of this Act.