

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

**MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION
of the 109th Congress¹**

[Date approved: November 8, 2005]²

Bill No. and sponsor: H.R. 2524 (Mr. Mike Ferguson, of New Jersey).

Proponent name, location: Honeywell International Inc., Morris Township, NJ.

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

Nature of bill: Extension of temporary duty suspension through December 31, 2010.

Retroactive effect: None.

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

Bis(4-fluorophenyl)-methanone (CAS No. 345-92-6) (provided for in subheading 2914.70.40).

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 product, imported from Germany, is used as a monomer for the production of high performance and specialty fluorinated polymers.

Estimated effect on customs revenue:

HTS subheading: <u>2914.70.40</u>					
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Col. 1-General rate of duty	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$561,500	\$561,500	\$561,500	\$561,500	\$561,500
Customs revenue loss	\$30,883	\$30,883	\$30,883	\$30,883	\$30,883

1/ Estimated revenue loss for 2005 and 2006 results from a current suspension of duty per heading 9902.32.85, which expires on December 31, 2006.

Source of estimated dutiable import data: Industry estimates.

¹ Industry analyst preparing report: Jack Greenblatt (202-205-3353); Tariff Affairs contact: David Michels (202-205-3440).

² Access to an electronic copy of this memorandum is available at http://usitc.gov/tata/hts/other/rel_doc/bill_reports/index.htm

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)		
Honeywell International Inc. (Proponent) Art Simonetti 202-662-2671	9/20/2005	No	No	No
LANXESS Corp. Steve Ziehm 202-872-8181	9/28/2005	No	No	No
Dupont Corp. Ms. Marilyn Bromels 302-792-4267	9/28/2005	No	No	No
Daikin America, Inc. Sandy Gulley/Cliff Adams 256-306-5000	9/28/2005	No	No	No
BASF Tom Coleman 202-289-3900	9/28/2005	No	No	No
Bayer Karen Niedermeyer 412-777-2058	9/28/2005	No	No	No
Eastman Chemical Jorge San Pedro 703-524-7653	9/28/2005	No	No	No

Technical comments:³ 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.

109TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2524

To extend the suspension of duty on Bis(4-fluorophenyl) methanone.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 23, 2005

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

A BILL

To extend the suspension of duty on Bis(4-fluorophenyl)
methanone.

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. BIS(4-FLUOROPHENYL) METHANONE.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Heading 9902.32.85 of the Har-
5 monized Tariff Schedule of the United States (relating to
6 Bis(4-fluorophenyl) methanone) is amended by striking
7 “12/31/2006” and inserting “12/31/2010”.

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