MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION
of the 109th Congress

[Date approved: December 13, 2005]

Bill No. and sponsor: H.R. 2806 (Mr. Gene Greene of Texas).

Proponent name, location: Syngenta Crop Protection, Inc., Greensboro NC.

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


Retroactive effect: None.

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

Paraquat dichloride (1,1'dimethyl-4,4'-bipyridinium dichloride) (CAS No. 1910-42-5) (provided for in subheading 2933.39.23).

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:

Paraquat dichloride is a synthetic organic herbicide used in formulations of non-selective herbicides to remove weeds prior to planting (a pre-emergent herbicide). It is imported from China.

Estimated effect on customs revenue

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1/ The estimated Customs revenue loss shown results from the difference between the general rate of duty and the proposed reduced duty rates shown in the bill.

Source of estimated dutiable import data: Industry estimates.

Contacts with domestic firms/organizations (including the proponent):

1 Industry analyst preparing report: Stephen Wanser (202-205-3363); Tariff Affairs contact: David Michels (202-205-3440).

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.

Technical comments:

The Commission suggests that the article description on page 1 of this report be used because the word dichloride should not be capitalized. Also, the Commission notes that, on page 2, line 17 of the bill, heading number “9902.09.11” should be amended to read “9902.09.12”.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 8, 2005

Mr. Gene Green of Texas introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

To reduce temporarily the duty on Paraquat Dichloride.

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

SECTION 1. PARAQUAT DICHLORIDE.

(a) CALENDAR YEAR 2006.—

(1) 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:

| 9902.09.12 Paraquat Dichloride (1,1-dimethyl-4,4'-bipyridinium dichloride) (CAS No. 1910-42-5) provided for in subheading 2933.39.22) | 3.59% | No change | No change On or before 12/31/2006 |
(2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by paragraph (1) applies to goods entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after the date of enactment of this Act.

(b) CALENDAR YEAR 2007.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Heading 9902.09.12 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, as added by subsection (a), is amended—

(A) by striking “3.59%” and inserting “4.02%”; and

(B) by striking “On or before 12/31/2006” and inserting “On or before 12/31/2007”.

(2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by paragraph (1) shall take effect on January 1, 2007.

(e) CALENDAR YEAR 2008.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Heading 9902.09.11 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, as added by subsection (a) and amended by this section, is further amended—

(A) by striking “4.02%” and inserting “4.41%”; and

(B) by striking “On or before 12/31/2007” and inserting “On or before 12/31/2008”.

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(2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by paragraph (1) shall take effect on January 1, 2008.