Bill No. and sponsor: S. 1659 (Mr. Rick Santorum of Pennsylvania).

Proponent name, location: Rohm and Haas Company, Philadelphia, PA.

Other bills on product (109th Congress only): H.R. 2260.


Retroactive effect: None.

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

Ion-exchange resins comprised of a macroporous polymer of divinylbenzene (CAS No. 9003-69-4) (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 three adsorbent resins under the trade names Amberlite® XAD4, XAD16, and XAD16HP. These insoluble white translucent beads are un-functionalized macroporous polymers of diethylenbenzene (CAS No. 9003-69-4). These products were developed for a wide range of applications where removal or isolation of organic compounds is desired. Typical examples are separation and purification of antibiotics, vitamins, steroids and enzymes in the pharmaceutical and chemical industries; removal of organic pollutants from aqueous waste or ground water; removal of solvents, herbicides and pesticides from aqueous streams; and recovery of organic compounds for subsequent identification and analysis in chemical or clinical analysis. A major use of Amberlite®XAD4 is for the in situ removal of antibodies from blood culture media. These adsorbent resins have FDA clearance for the removal of organic substances from certain aqueous food streams. The subject product is imported from France.
Estimated effect on customs revenue:

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Source of estimated dutiable import data: Commission and industry estimates.

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

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<td>Rohm and Haas Company (Proponent) Mr. Henry P. Stoebenau, 215-628-4919</td>
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Technical comments:

The Commission suggests that the article description on page 1 of this report be used in the proposed new heading in order to correct the HTS number and the chemical description for these products.

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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 suspend temporarily the duty on a certain chemical.

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

SECTION 1. SUSPENSION OF DUTY ON A CERTAIN CHEM-
ICAL.

(a) 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:

| 9902.39.09 | Adsorbent resin comprised of a macroporous polymer of
diethenylbenzene, (CAS No. 9003-69-4) (provided for in
subheading 3911.90.90) | Free | No change | No change | On or before 12/31/2008 |

"
(b) **Effective Date.**—The amendment made by subsection (a) applies to articles entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.