Bill No. and sponsor: S. 3165 (Mr. Christopher S. Bond of Missouri).

Proponent name, location: BASF Corporation, Palmyra, MO.

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


Retroactive effect: None.

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

5-Methylpyridine-2,3-dicarboxylic acid (CAS No. 53636–65–0) (provided for in subheading 2933.39.61)

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:

5-Methylpyridine-2,3-dicarboxylic acid is a synthetic organic chemical that is used as an intermediate in the production of a broad spectrum herbicide for soybeans, peanuts, pasture land, and rangeland. BASF imports the product from Japan.

Estimated effect on customs revenue:

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1/ The estimated customs revenue loss for 2006 reflects the existing duty suspension under heading 9902.01.14 that expires on December 31, 2006.
Source of estimated dutiable import data: Industry estimates.

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

Industry analyst preparing report: Philip Stone (202-205-3424); Tariff Affairs contact: David Michels (202-205-3440).
### Technical comments:

None.

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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.
To extend temporarily the suspension of duty on 5-MPDC.

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

SECTION 1. 5-MPDC.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Heading 9902.01.14 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (relating to 5-MPDC) is amended by striking “12/31/2006” and inserting “12/31/2009”.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by subsection (a) applies to goods entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after the date of enactment of this Act.