MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION of the 109th Congress ¹

[Date approved: October 24, 2006]²

Bill No. and sponsor: S. 3166 (Mr. Christopher S. Bond of Missouri).

Proponent name, location: BASF Corporation, Research Triangle Park, NC.

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


Retroactive effect: None.

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

Methyl 3-(trifluoromethyl)benzoate (CAS No. 2557-13-3) (provided for in subheading 2916.39.45).

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:

Methyl 3-(trifluoromethyl)benzoate is a raw material that is used for the production of a broad spectrum insecticide that is primarily employed in the control of caterpillars and beetles in cotton plants. The product is imported from China.

Estimated effect on customs revenue:

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Source of estimated dutiable import data: Industry estimates.

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

¹ Industry analyst preparing report: Jeff Clark (202-205-3318); Tariff Affairs contact: David Michels (202-205-3440).

### Technical comments:

None.

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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.
S. 3166

To suspend temporarily the duty on Methyl 3-(trifluoromethyl)benzoate.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 25, 2006

Mr. BOND introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on Methyl 3-(trifluoromethyl)benzoate.

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

SECTION 1. METHYL 3-(TRIFLUOROMETHYL)BENZOATE.

(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:

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(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 the enactment of this Act.