

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

**MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION
of the 110th Congress¹**

[Date approved: May 16, 2008]²

Bill No. and sponsor: H.R. 4621 (Mr. Phil English of Pennsylvania).

Proponent name,³ location: Rohm and Haas Company, Philadelphia, PA.

Other bills on product (110th Congress only): None.

Nature of bill: Extension of temporary duty suspension through December 31, 2011.

Retroactive effect: None.

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

Macroporous poly(divinylbenzene) (CAS No. 9003-69-4) (provided for in subheading 3911.90.90).

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 products are unfunctionalized macroporous polymers of divinylbenzene, which function as adsorbent materials. They were developed for a wide range of applications where removal or isolation of organic compounds is desired. Examples include: 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; recovery of organic compounds for subsequent identification and analysis in chemical or clinical analysis; and 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 proponent's product is imported from France and Germany.

¹ Industry analyst preparing report: L. Johnson (202-205-3351); Tariff Affairs contact: D. Michels (202-205-3440).

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

³ The sponsor/proponent did not identify any additional beneficiaries of this bill.

Estimated effect on customs revenue:

HTS subheading: 3911.90.90					
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Col. 1-General rate of duty	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$4,200,000	\$4,200,000	\$4,200,000	\$4,200,000	\$4,200,000
Customs revenue loss ^{1/}	\$0	\$273,000	\$273,000	\$273,000	\$273,000

^{1/} There is an existing duty suspension under HTS heading 9902.22.11 that expires on December 31, 2009. Therefore, there will be no customs revenue loss related to this bill in 2009.

Source of estimated dutiable import data: U.S. industry estimates.

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

Name of firm/organization	Date contacted	Claim US makes same or competing product(s)?	Submission attached?	Opposition noted?
		(Yes/No)		
Rohm and Haas Company (Proponent) Henry P. Stoebenau, 215-628-4919	03/24/2008	No	No	No
Bayer Corporation Karen L. Niedermeyer, 412-777-2058	03/24/2008	No	No	No
Dow Chemical Company Lisa Schroeter, 202-429-3400	03/24/2008	No	No	No
LANXESS Corp. Jamie B. Schaeffer, 412-809-3666	03/24/2008	No	No	No
Purolite Company Don Brodie, 610-668-9090	03/24/2008	No	No	No

Technical comments:⁴

The Commission staff suggests that the article description be modified as given on page 1 of this report in order to provide a more concise chemical name and description of the product.

⁴ 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.

110TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 4621

To extend the temporary suspension of duty on a certain chemical.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 13, 2007

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

A BILL

To extend the temporary suspension of duty on a certain chemical.

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. A CERTAIN CHEMICAL.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Heading 9902.22.11 of the Har-
5 monized Tariff Schedule of the United States is amended
6 by striking “12/31/2009” and inserting “12/31/2011”.

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