

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20436

**MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION  
of the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress**<sup>1</sup>

[Date approved: June 10, 2008]<sup>2</sup>

**Bill No. and sponsor:** H.R. 4678 (Mr. Richard E. Neal of Massachusetts).

**Proponent name,<sup>3</sup> location:** Solutia Inc., St. Louis, MO.

**Other bills on product (110<sup>th</sup> Congress only):** None.

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

**Retroactive effect:** None.

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

N-Cyclohexylthiophthalimide (CAS No. 17796-82-6) (provided for in subheading 2930.90.24).

**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 synthetic organic chemical, a pre-vulcanization inhibitor (PVI), is used in the vulcanization of rubber. The chemical, more commonly known as PVI, delays the vulcanization process to allow various additives to become thoroughly mixed and evenly dispersed in vulcanized rubber. The product is imported from the United Kingdom, Japan, Slovakia, China, and India.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Industry analyst preparing report: Robert Randall (202-205-3366); Tariff Affairs contact: David Michels (202-205-3440).

<sup>2</sup> Access to an electronic copy of this memorandum is available at [http://www.usitc.gov/tata/hts/other/rel\\_doc/bill\\_reports/](http://www.usitc.gov/tata/hts/other/rel_doc/bill_reports/).

<sup>3</sup> The sponsor/proponent identified eight additional beneficiaries of this bill. USITC staff sent inquiries to the additional beneficiaries and received responses from five. Two submitted written representations that they would benefit from this bill.

<sup>4</sup> Imports of the subject product from India are eligible for duty-free treatment under the Generalized System of Preferences, but the proponent does not know whether imports of the subject product would actually qualify for duty-free treatment under the GSP program.

**Estimated effect on customs revenue:**

| <b>HTS subheading: 2930.90.24</b>       |             |             |             |             |             |
|-----------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|                                         | 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 | \$6,158,750 | \$6,280,000 | \$6,400,000 | \$6,525,000 | \$6,650,000 |
| Customs revenue loss <u>1/</u>          | \$0         | \$408,200   | \$416,000   | \$424,125   | \$432,250   |

1/ There is an existing duty suspension under HTS heading 9902.22.26 that expires December 31, 2009. Therefore, there will be no customs revenue loss related to this bill for 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)                                     |                      |                   |
| Solutia Inc. (Proponent)<br>Robert Hurley, rhurley@theaccordgroup.com                             | 4/15/2008      | No                                           | No                   | No                |
| Afton Chemical Corp.<br>Janis Gleeson, 804-788-5600                                               | 4/15/2008      | No                                           | No                   | No                |
| Akrochem<br>Donna Quinn, 330-535-2100                                                             | 4/15/2008      | No                                           | No                   | No                |
| American Chemistry Council<br>Marty Durbin, Fax: 703-741-6097                                     | 4/25/2008      | No                                           | No                   | No                |
| America's International Inc.<br>Wayne Stair, 330-920-9330                                         | 4/15/2008      | No                                           | No                   | No                |
| Apollo Color, Inc.<br>Dave Klebine, Fax: 815-741-2599                                             | 4/25/2008      | No                                           | No                   | No                |
| BASF<br>Greg Thies, Fax: 202-558-5101                                                             | 4/25/2008      | No                                           | No                   | No                |
| Bayer Chemicals<br>Karen L. Niedermeyer, Fax: 412-777-4740<br>Julie Van Egmund, Fax: 202-737-8909 | 4/25/2008      | No                                           | No                   | No                |
| Biddle Sawyer<br>William Thonack, Fax: 212-239-1089                                               | 4/25/2008      | No                                           | No                   | No                |
| Chemtura Corp.<br>Matt Mattingley, Fax: 202-463-8497                                              | 4/25/2008      | No                                           | No                   | No                |

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| Ciba Specialty Chemicals<br>Robert Hurley, Fax: 202-289-3588      | 4/25/2008      | No                                           | No                   | No                |
| Clariant Corp.<br>Andy Zamoyski, Fax: 202-248-9043                | 4/25/2008      | No                                           | No                   | No                |
| CPH Solutions Corp.<br>Todd Portzline, 800-243-3024               | 4/15/2008      | No                                           | No                   | No                |
| Dow Chemical Company<br>Lisa Schroeter, 202-429-3467              | 4/25/2008      | No                                           | No                   | No                |
| DuPont<br>Helen C. McMahon, Fax: 302-355-2994                     | 4/25/2008      | No                                           | No                   | No                |
| Emerald Performance Chemicals<br>Tom Dirmyer, Fax: 330-315-6480   | 4/25/2008      | No                                           | No                   | No                |
| Galaxie Chemical Corp.<br>Michael Santoro, Jr., Fax: 973-790-7104 | 4/25/2008      | No                                           | No                   | No                |
| Honeywell<br>Art Simonetti, Fax: 202-662-2675                     | 4/25/2008      | No                                           | No                   | No                |
| Huntsman Corp.<br>John Deming, Fax: 302-479-5499                  | 4/25/2008      | No                                           | No                   | No                |
| LANXESS Corp.<br>Todd Portzline, 800-526-9377                     | 4/15/2008      | No                                           | No                   | No                |
| Monsanto Corp.<br>Grant Erdel, Fax: 202-789-1867                  | 4/25/2008      | No                                           | No                   | No                |
| PMC Inc.<br>Gordon McCollough, Fax: 513-482-7884                  | 4/25/2008      | No                                           | No                   | No                |
| Prochemie International, Inc.<br>Mary Ann Reston, 860-683-8500    | 4/15/2008      | No                                           | No                   | No                |
| Rhein Chemie<br>Todd Portzline, 800-526-9377                      | 4/15/2008      | No                                           | No                   | No                |
| R.T. Vanderbilt Company<br>Gregg Florre, 800-243-6064             | 4/15/2008      | No                                           | No                   | No                |
| Sovereign Chemical Co.<br>Samuel DiPaola, 330-869-0550            | 4/15/2008      | No                                           | No                   | No                |
| Sun Chemical Corp.<br>Steve Schmidt, Fax: 513-681-4960            | 4/25/2008      | No                                           | No                   | No                |
| Tannin Corp.<br>Robert Thompson, 978-532-4010                     | 4/15/2008      | No                                           | No                   | No                |

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| (Yes/No)                                                      |                |                                              |                      |                   |
| Western Reserve Chemical Corp.<br>John Rylander, 330-650-2244 | 4/15/2008      | No                                           | No                   | No                |

**Technical comments:**<sup>5</sup>

None.

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<sup>5</sup> 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. 4678

To extend the temporary suspension of duty on N-Cyclohexylthiophthalimide.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 13, 2007

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

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## A BILL

To extend the temporary suspension of duty on N-Cyclohexylthiophthalimide.

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. N-CYCLOHEXYLTHIOPHTHALIMIDE.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 99 of  
5 the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States is  
6 amended—

7 (1) by striking heading 9902.03.30 (relating to  
8 N-Cyclohexylthiophthalimide); and

9 (2) in heading 9902.22.26 (relating to N-  
10 Cyclohexylthiophthalimide), by striking the date in

1 the effective period column and inserting “12/31/  
2 2011”.

3 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by  
4 subsection (a)(2) applies to goods entered, or withdrawn  
5 from warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day  
6 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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