

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

**MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION
of the 110th Congress**¹

[Date approved: May 16, 2008]²

Bill No. and sponsor: H.R. 4692 (Mr. John M. Spratt Jr. of South Carolina).

Proponent name,³ location: EMS-CHEMIE (North America) Inc., Sumter, SC.

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

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

Retroactive effect: None.

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

Copoly(bis(4-amino-3-methylcyclohexyl)methane/dodecanedioic acid) (CAS No. 163800-66-6)
(provided for in subheading 3908.10.00).

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 product and its variants are specialty copolymers of nylon 12 and cyclic aliphatic diamines. Key characteristics of these particular products are transparency, heat and chemical resistance, and excellent fatigue behavior. These polyamides are used in a variety of molded and extruded applications, including filter bowls, eyeglass frames, tooth brushes, and cable sheathing. The product is imported from Switzerland.

¹ Industry analyst preparing report: Ray Cantrell (202-205-3362); Tariff Affairs contact: David 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: 3908.10.00					
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Col. 1-General rate of duty	6.3%	6.3%	6.3%	6.3%	6.3%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$2,500,000	\$2,600,000	\$2,700,000	\$2,800,000	\$3,000,000
Customs revenue loss	\$157,500	\$163,800	\$170,100	\$176,400	\$189,000

Source of estimated dutiable import data: Commission and 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)		
EMS-CHEMIE (North America), Inc. (Proponent) Guido Hobi, 803-481-6143	03/10/2008	No	No	No
Arkema, Inc. Charles Kitchen, 215-419-7615	03/10/2008	No	No	No
Bayer Corporation Karen Niedermeyer, 412-777-2058	03/12/2008	No	No	No
Clariant Corporation Andrew Zamoyski, az@zamoyski.com	03/10/2008	No	No	No
DSM Engineering Plastics - America Vernon Comeaux, 248-799-3511	03/12/2008	No	No	No
DuPont Helen McMahon, 302-992-2263	03/10/2008	No	No	No
Evonik Degussa Corp. Ron Birnbaum, 973-541-8391 Kevin Bonhoff, 973-541-8000	03/11/2008	Yes	Yes	Yes
LANXESS Corporation Jamie Schaffer, 412-809-3666	03/12/2008	No	No	No

Technical comments:⁴

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.

The Commission staff recommends that the article description on page 1 of this report be used in the proposed new heading in order to provide a clarified IUPAC chemical nomenclature and to provide the correct HTS subheading reference.

110TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 4692

To suspend temporarily the duty on Grilamid TR 90.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 13, 2007

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

A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on Grilamid TR 90.

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. GRILAMID TR 90.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 99 of
5 the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States is
6 amended by inserting in numerical sequence the following
7 new heading:

“	9902.01.00	Cyclohexanamine, 4,41- methylenebis (2- methylecyclohexanamine) (CAS No. 163800–66–6) (provided for in subheading 3908.90.7000)	Free	No change	No change	On or before 12/31/2011	”.
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1 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
2 subsection (a) applies to articles entered, or withdrawn
3 from warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day
4 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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