

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

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

[Date approved: June 12, 2008]²

Bill No. and sponsor: H.R. 4974 (Mr. Jim Ramstad of Minnesota).

Proponent name,³ location: 3M Company, St. Paul, MN.

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)):

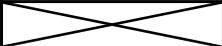
Mixture of C5-C18 perfluorocarbons, perfluorocarbonamines, or perfluorocarbon ethers (CAS No. 86508-42-1) (provided for in subheading 3824.90.55).

Check one: ___ Same as that in bill as introduced.
 X Different from that in bill as introduced (see Technical comments section).

Product information, including uses/applications and source(s) of imports:

The subject product is a mixture of synthetic organic chemicals that is used as a heat transfer fluid, a solvent for coatings, or in the production of electronic devices. The product is imported from Belgium.

Estimated effect on customs revenue:

HTS subheading: 3824.90.55					
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Col. 1-General rate of duty	3.7%	3.7%	3.7%	3.7%	3.7%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$6,000,000	\$6,000,000	\$6,000,000	\$6,000,000	\$6,000,000
Customs revenue loss	\$222,000	\$222,000	\$222,000	\$222,000	\$222,000

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

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

¹ Industry analyst preparing report: Philip Stone (202-205-3424); 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.

Name of firm/organization	Date contacted	Claim US makes same or competing product(s)?	Submission attached?	Opposition noted?
3M Company (Proponent) Warren Webber, wjweber@mmm.com	03/26/2008	No	No	No
Abbott Laboratories Elaine Leavenworth, Fax: 202-783-6631	04/18/2008	No	No	No
American Chemistry Council Marty Durbin, Fax: 703-741-6097	04/18/2008	No	No	No
BASF Corporation Greg Thies, Fax: 703-255-7142	04/18/2008	No	No	No
Bayer Corporation Karen Niedermeyer, Fax: 412-777-4740 Julie Van Egmund, Fax: 202-737-8909	04/18/2008	No	No	No
Biddle Sawyer William Thonack, Fax: 212-239-1089	04/18/2008	No	No	No
Chemtura Corporation Matt Mattingley, Fax: 202-463-8497 Lloyd Moon, Fax: 203-573-2686	04/18/2008	No	No	No
Ciba Specialty Chemicals Michelle Forte, Fax: 914-785-4831 Robert Hurley, Fax: 202-289-3588	04/18/2008	No	No	No
Clariant Corporation Andrew Zamoyski, Fax: 202-248-9043	04/18/2008	No	No	No
Dow Chemical Lisa Schroeter, Fax: 202-429-3467	04/18/2008	No	No	No
DuPont Helen McMahon, Fax: 302-355-2994	04/18/2008	No	No	No
Eastman Chemical Company Greg Riddle, Fax: 212-835-1621	04/18/2008	No	No	No
Emerald Performance Chemicals Tom Dirmyer, Fax: 330-315-6480	04/18/2008	No	No	No
Honeywell International Art Simonetti, Fax: 202-662-2675	04/18/2008	No	No	No
Monsanto Corporation Grant Erdel, Fax: 202-789-1867	04/18/2008	No	No	No
Rhodia Dominick Cangiano, Fax: 609-860-2256	04/18/2008	No	No	No

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		(Yes/No)		
Solutia Kassie D. Wooton, Fax: 314-674-1585	04/18/2008	No	No	No

Technical comments:⁴

The Commission staff suggests that the article description on page 1 of this report be used in the proposed new heading in order to provide the correct CAS number and HTS subheading reference, as well as a clearer chemical description.

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
2D SESSION

H. R. 4974

To suspend temporarily the duty on certain perfluorocarbons.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 15, 2008

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

A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on certain perfluorocarbons.

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. CERTAIN PERFLUOROCARBONS.**

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	Perfluorocarbons comprised of carbon, fluorine, and optionally nitrogen and/or oxygen, with no other halogens or functional end groups, ranging in size from 5 to 18 carbon atoms (CAS No. 86058-42-1) (provided for in subheading 3824.90.92) ..	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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