

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

**MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION
of the 111th Congress¹**

[Date approved: July 9, 2010]²

Bill No. and sponsor: S. 2551 (Mr. Roland Burris of Illinois).

Proponent name,³ location: FMC Corporation, Philadelphia, PA.

Other bills on product (111th 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)):

Methyl[[2-chloro-4-fluoro-5[(tetrahydro-3-oxo-1H,3H-[1,3,4]thiadiazolo[3,4-a]pyridazin-1-ylidene) amino]phenyl]-thio]acetate (Fluthiacet-methyl) (CAS No. 117337-19-6) (provided for in subheading 2934.99.15) and any formulations containing such compound (provided for in subheading 3808.93.15).

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 chemical is an active ingredient that is used in the production of formulated agricultural herbicide products that are used to control weeds in major crops. Both the chemical and formulated products that contain the chemical are imported from China and Japan.

Estimated total effect on customs revenue for the subject product

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Customs revenue loss ^{a,b}	\$170,950	\$186,500	\$186,500	\$206,501	\$206,501

a/ Dutiable import estimates were provided by industry sources.

b/ At the request of Congress, customs revenue loss is provided for 5 years, although the effective period of the proposed legislation may differ.

¹ Industry analyst preparing report: Stephen Wanser (202-205-3363); Tariff Affairs contact: David Michels (202-205-3440).

² Access to an electronic copy of this memorandum is available at http://www.usitc.gov/tariff_affairs/congress_reports/.

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

Estimated effect on customs revenue for the subject product classifiable in HTS subheading 2934.99.15:

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Col. 1-General rate of duty					
Col. 1-General rate of duty	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports ^a	\$2,530,000	\$2,769,230	\$2,769,230	\$3,076,932	\$3,076,932
Customs revenue loss ^b	\$164,450	\$180,000	\$180,000	\$200,001	\$200,001

a/ Dutiable import estimates were provided by industry sources.

b/ At the request of Congress, customs revenue loss is provided for 5 years, although the effective period of the proposed legislation may differ.

Estimated effect on customs revenue for the subject product classifiable in HTS subheading 3808.93.15:

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
1-General rate of duty					
1-General rate of duty	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports ^a	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
Customs revenue loss ^b	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$6,500

a/ Dutiable import estimates were provided by industry sources.

b/ At the request of Congress, customs revenue loss is provided for 5 years, although the effective period of the proposed legislation may differ.

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?
FMC Corp. (Proponent) Jerry Prout, 202-956-5209, jerry.prout@fmc.com Steve Ziehm, 202-872-8181, sziehm@igc.com	03/20/2010	No	No	No
Arkema Inc. (Atofina) Brian Sowa, 202-467-5459 Brian@strategicmi.com	03/20/2010	No	No	No
BASF Corp. Greg Thies, 202-299-7240, gregory.thies@basf.com	03/20/2010	No	No	No
Bayer CropScience, LLP Jean Reimers, 202-756-3779 jean.reimers@bayercropscience.com Michael Gill, 202-508-8843, Mgill@crowell.com	03/20/2010	No	No	No
Chemtura Corporation Matt Mattingley, 202-841-5601 matt@mattingleygroup.com	03/20/2010	No	No	No

Name of firm/organization	Date contacted	Claim US makes same or competing product(s)?	Submission attached?	Opposition noted?
			(Yes/No)	
CropLife America Doug Nelson, 202-872-3880 dnelson@croplifeamerica.org	03/20/2010	No	No	No
Dow AgroSciences Max Turnipseed, 225-338-0310, mctint@att.net Lisa Schroeter, 202-429-3407, lschroeter@dow.com	03/20/2010	No	No	No
DuPont Elaine Olsen, 302-992-2263 elaine.m.olsen@usa.dupont.com	03/20/2010	No	No	No
Gowan Company Cindy Baker, 928-819-1554, cbaker@gowanco.com George Rolofson, 336-580-1116 grolofson@triad.rr.com	03/20/2010	No	No	No
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Monsanto Corp. Michael Parrish, 202-383-2859 michael.parrish@monsanto.com	03/20/2010	No	No	No
Nufarm Limited Joel R. Junker, 206-621-7878, joel@jrjtradelaw.com	03/20/2010	No	No	No
Solutia Inc. Kassie Wooton, 314-674-3297, kdwoot@solutia.com Robert Hurley, 202-289-9800 rhurley@theaccordgroup.com	03/20/2010	No	No	No
Syngenta Crop Protection, Inc. Angus Kelly, 202-347-7772 angus.kelly@syngenta.com	03/20/2010	No	No	No
United Phosphorus Inc. Diane Fago, 610-491-2816, diane.fago@uniphos.com	03/20/2010	No	No	No
Valent USA Corp. Robin Demouth, 925-256-2758 robin.demouth@valent.com	03/20/2010	No	No	No

Technical comments:⁴ None.

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.

111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 2551

To suspend temporarily the duty on Fluthiacet-methyl.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 30, 2009

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

A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on Fluthiacet-methyl.

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. SUSPENSION OF DUTY ON FLUTHIACET-METH-**

4 **YL.**

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

“	9902.03.31	Methyl[[2-chloro-4-fluoro-5]((tetrahydro-3-oxo-1H,3H-[1,3,4]thiadiazolo[3,4-a]pyridazin-1-ylidene)amino]phenyl)-thio]acetate (Fluthiacetmethyl) (CAS No. 117337-19-6) (provided for in subheading 2934.99.15) and any formulations containing such compound (provided for in subheading 3808.93.15).	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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