

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. 2622 (Mr. Charles Schumer of New York).

Proponent name,³ location: Mitsui Plastics Inc., White Plains, NY.

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)):

Mixture of calcium hydroxide (CAS No. 1305-62-0), magnesium hydroxide (CAS No. 1309-42-8), aluminum silicate (CAS No. 70131-50-9), and stearic acid (CAS No. 57-11-4) (provided for in subheading 3824.90.92).

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 is a mixture that is used as a heat stabilizer for a polyvinyl chloride compound. It is used specifically to prevent thermal degradation during processing. The product is imported from Japan.

Estimated effect on customs revenue for the subject product classifiable in HTS subheading 3824.90.92:

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Col. 1-General rate of duty					
Col. 1-General rate of duty	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports ^a	\$6,000,000	\$6,000,000	\$6,000,000	\$6,000,000	\$6,000,000
Customs revenue loss ^b	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000

a/ Dutiable import estimates were based on official U.S. Government statistics and import estimates 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.

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

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

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)	
Mitsui Plastics Inc. (Proponent) Emanuel P. Mafilios, M.Mafilios@mitsui.com	03/07/2010	No	No	No
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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. 2622

To suspend temporarily the duty on mixture of calcium hydroxide, magnesium hydroxide, aluminum silicate, and stearic acid.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 2, 2009

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

A BILL

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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. MIXTURE OF CALCIUM HYDROXIDE, MAGNE-**
4 **SIUM HYDROXIDE, ALUMINUM SILICATE, AND**
5 **STEARIC ACID.**

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

“	9902.01.00	Mixture of calcium hydroxide (CAS No. 1305-62-0), magnesium hydroxide (CAS No. 1309-42-8), aluminum silicate (CAS No. 70131-50-9), and stearic acid (CAS No. 57-11-4) (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 goods entered, or withdrawn from
3 warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after
4 the date of the enactment of this Act.

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