



MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION of the 112th Congress

Date approved

I. Background

Bill number:

Sponsor name:

Sponsor state:

Interested entity:

Name

City

State

Other bills on product (112th Congress only):

Nature of bill:

Expiration date:

Current or previous chapter 99 heading:

Retroactive date:

CAS number (if applicable):

Industry analyst:

Telephone:

Tariff Affairs contact:

Telephone:

Note:

1. Access to an electronic copy of this memorandum is available at http://www.usitc.gov/tariff_affairs/congress_reports/.
2. In regard to the country(ies) of origin listed in section III, this report focuses on dutiable imports and does not take into account any tariff preference programs or special rates of duty.

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

Mixtures of alkali metal phenate, mineral oil, and p-Dodecylphenol (provided for in subheading 3811.21.00)

(If enacted, the tariff relief provided for in this bill would be available to any entity that imports the product that is covered by the bill.)

Description above compared with bill as introduced:

- Same
- Different (see Technical Comments section)

III. Other product information, including uses/applications and source(s) of imports

This is a mixture of chemicals used to produce a detergent that is used in lubricating fluids. This mixture acts as an anti-knock preparation that reduces friction and corrosion. The primary sources for U.S. imports under this HTS subheading are Canada, the EU, and India. The proponent of the bill imports from India.

IV. Estimated effect on customs revenue

Subject product HTS subheading(s)	3811.21.00				
Item	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Col.1-general rate of duty (%)	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5
Estimated value of <i>dutiable</i> imports (\$)	817,233	833,583	850,263	867,000	884,603
Customs revenue loss (\$)	53,120	54,183	55,267	56,355	57,499

Note: Customs revenue loss is provided for 5 years, although the effective period of the proposed legislation may differ. Regarding the HTS subheading listed in the article description of the bill, the Commission may express an opinion on the HTS classification of a product to facilitate consideration of the bill. However, by law, only U.S. Customs and Border Protection is authorized to issue a binding ruling on this matter. The Commission believes that Customs should be consulted prior to enactment of the bill.

Dutiable imports were based on (more than one may apply):

- Official statistics of the U.S. Department of Commerce
- Provided by industry sources
- Industry information
- Commission estimates

Duty reduction notes:

- This bill is not a duty reduction
- This bill is a temporary duty reduction. Rates are shown below.

Col.1-general duty rate (%) Temporary rate (%) Percentage point reduction (%)

V. Technical comments

None

VI. Continuation

VII. Contacts with domestic firms/organizations

	#	Firm/organization and contact name	Telephone number	Claims same or competing product made in the United States	Submission attached	Opposition noted
	1	Lubrizol Inc. Joe Eskra	440-347-5955	No	No	No
	2	ExxonMobil Chemical Corp. Mike Hadcroft	281-870-6000	No	No	No
	3	Chevron Phillips Chemical Co. Melanie Samuelson	832-813-4651	No	No	No
	4	Shell Chemical LP Kalyan Ram Madabhushi	713-241-6161	No	No	No

112TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 4943

To suspend temporarily the duty on mixtures of alkali metal phenate, mineral oil, and p-Dodecylphenol.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 26, 2012

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

A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on mixtures of alkali metal phenate, mineral oil, and p-Dodecylphenol.

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. MIXTURES OF ALKALI METAL PHENATE, MIN-**
4 **ERAL OIL, AND P-DODECYLPHENOL.**

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:

“	9902.01.00	Mixtures of alkali metal phenate, mineral oil, and p-Dodecylphenol (provided for in subheading 3811.21.00) ...	Free	No change	No change	On or before 12/31/2015	”.
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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 enactment of this Act.

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