

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

**MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION
of the 109th Congress¹**

[Date approved: October 6, 2005]²

Bill No. and sponsor: H.R. 2265 (Mr. Phil English of Pennsylvania).

Proponent name, location: Rohm and Haas Company
Philadelphia, PA 19106

Other bills on product (109th Congress only): None.

Nature of bill: Extension of temporary duty suspension through 12/31/2009.

Retroactive effect: None.

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

Macroporous ion-exchange resin comprising a copolymer of styrene crosslinked with divinylbenzene, thiol functionalized (CAS No. 113834-91-6) (provided for in subheading 3914.00.60)

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:

Rohm and Haas imports this ion-exchange resin under the trade name Amberlite® GT73. This resin is described as a weakly acidic, positively charged cation exchange resin used for the removal of positively charged mercury cations from chemical process streams. Typically these streams are found in manufacturing facilities which use the “mercury cell process” for manufacturing chlorine and caustic, also known as the chlor-alkali process. This resin also provides for mercury removal in the fluorescent light bulb manufacturing industry. The proponent’s product is manufactured and imported from Chauny, France. Sybron Chemical, Inc., Birmingham, NJ (LANXESS Corp.) reports domestic production of this product.

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://usitc.gov/tata/hts/other/rel_doc/bill_reports/index.htm

Estimated effect on customs revenue:

HTS subheading: 3914.00.60					
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Col. 1-General rate of duty	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$550,000	\$560,000	\$580,000	\$600,000	\$620,000
Customs revenue loss ^{1/}	\$21,450	\$21,840	\$22,620	\$23,400	\$24,180

^{1/} Revenue loss for 2005 and 2006 results from a current duty suspension per heading 9902.02.30.
Source of estimated dutiable import data: Commission and industry estimates.

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

Name of firm/organization	Date contacted	US production of same or competitive product claimed?	Submission attached?	Opposition noted?
		(Yes/No)		
Rohm and Haas Company (Proponent) Mr. Henry P. Stoebenau 215-628-4919	08/05/2005	No	No	No
Bayer Corporation Ms. Karen L. Niedermeyer 412-777-2058	08/11/2005	No	No	No
Dow Chemical Company Ms. Lisa Schroeder 202-429-3400	08/11/2005	No	No	No
LANXESS Corporation (Sybron Chemical, Inc.) Ms. Jamie B. Schaeffer 412-809-3666 Ralf P. Matt, President, Sybron Chemicals	08/11/2005	Yes	Yes	Yes
Purolite Company Mr. Don Brodie Fax: 610-668-1997	8/12/2005	No	No	No

Technical comments:³ None.

³ 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.

109TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2265

To extend the suspension of duty on a certain ion exchange resin.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 11, 2005

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

A BILL

To extend the suspension of duty on a certain ion exchange resin.

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. MACROPOROUS ION EXCHANGE RESIN COM-**
4 **PRISING A COPOLYMER OF STYRENE**
5 **CROSSLINKED WITH DIVINYLBENEZENE,**
6 **THIOL FUNCTIONALIZED.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Heading 9902.02.30 of the Har-
8 monized Tariff Schedule of the United States is amended
9 by striking “12/31/2006” and inserting “12/31/2009”.

10 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
11 subsection (a) applies to goods entered, or withdrawn from

- 1 warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after
- 2 the date of the enactment of this Act.

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