

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

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

[Date approved: September 23, 2005]²

Bill No. and sponsor: H.R. 2266 (Mr. English)

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)):

The subject resin (see below) is classified in subheading 3914.00.60 and is eligible for a temporary duty suspension under HTS heading 9902.02.34.

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 proponent imports this ion-exchange resin under the trade name Amberlite® IRP69. This resin is characterized as an insoluble, strongly acidic, positively charged cation exchange resin in the sodium form, supplied as a dry, fine powder. The product is utilized as both a drug carrier and an active ingredient. As a carrier it provides the manufacturer with several functions, including taste marking, drug stabilization, and sustained release. As an active ingredient the product is a therapeutic agent used to lower potassium levels in the treatment of hyperkalemia. The proponent's product is manufactured and imported from Chauny, France.

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					
Col. 1-General rate of duty	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$3,100,000	\$3,150,000	\$3,250,000	\$3,350,000	\$3,450,000
Customs revenue loss <u>1/</u>	\$120,900	\$122,850	\$126,750	\$130,650	\$134,550

1/ Revenue loss for 2005 and 2006 results from a current suspension of duty per heading 9902.02.34. 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. Stobenau 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 Chemicals, 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	Yes	Yes	Yes

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. 2266

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. ION EXCHANGE RESIN COMPRISING A COPOLY-**
4 **MER OF STYRENE CROSSLINKED WITH**
5 **DIVINYLBENZENE, SULPHONIC ACID, SODIUM**
6 **FORM.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Heading 9902.02.34 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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