

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20436

**MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION  
of the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress<sup>1</sup>**

[Date approved: November 10, 2005]<sup>2</sup>

**Bill No. and sponsor:** H.R. 2575 (Mr. Jo Bonner of Alabama).

**Proponent name, location:** DuPont, Mobile, AL.

**Other bills on product (109<sup>th</sup> Congress only):** None.

**Nature of bill:** Extension of temporary duty suspension through December 31, 2009.

**Retroactive effect:** None.

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

Methyl thioglycolate (CAS No. 2365-48-2) (provided for in subheading 2930.90.90).

**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:**

Methyl thioglycolate is synthetic organic chemical used as an intermediate in the production of an active ingredient for a herbicide. The end product is a post-emergence herbicide used for selective weed control on cereals, corn, and soybeans. It is imported from France and China.

**Estimated effect on customs revenue:**

HTS subheading: <u>2930.90.90</u>					
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
<del>Col. 1-General rate of duty</del>					
Col. 1-General rate of duty	3.7%	3.7%	3.7%	3.7%	3.7%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$1,600,000	\$1,700,000	\$1,800,000	\$1,900,000	\$2,000,000
Customs revenue loss <sup>1/</sup>	\$59,200	\$62,900	\$66,600	\$70,300	\$74,000

<sup>1/</sup> The estimated revenue loss for 2005 and 2006 results from a temporary duty suspension under HTS heading 9902.32.55 that expires December 31, 2006.

Source of estimated dutiable import data: Industry estimates.

<sup>1</sup> Industry analyst preparing report: Philip Stone (202-205-3424); Tariff Affairs contact: David Michels (202-205-3440).

<sup>2</sup> Access to an electronic copy of this memorandum is available at [http://usitc.gov/tata/hts/other/rel\\_doc/bill\\_reports/index.htm](http://usitc.gov/tata/hts/other/rel_doc/bill_reports/index.htm).

**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)		
DuPont (Proponent) Sharee Lawler, 202-728-3664 Nancy Johnson, Fax: 202-728-3649	09/01/2005 09/14/2005	No	No	No
AtoFina Cerex Charles Kitchin, Fax: 703-527-2092	09/14/2005	No	No	No
BASF Corporation Greg Thies, Fax: 202-558-5101	09/14/2005	No	No	No
Bayer Corporation Karen L. Niedermeyer, Fax: 412-777-4740 Williams Hensley, Fax: 202-628-6622	09/14/2005	No	No	No
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Valent USA Robin Demouth, Fax: 925-256-2776	09/14/2005	No	No	No

**Technical comments:**<sup>3</sup> None.

<sup>3</sup> 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.

109<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 2575

To extend the suspension of duty on Methyl thioglycolate (MTG).

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 24, 2005

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

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## A BILL

To extend the suspension of duty on Methyl thioglycolate  
(MTG).

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. METHYL THIOGLYCOLATE (MTG).**

4       (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Heading 9902.32.55 of the Har-  
5       monized Tariff Schedule of the United States (relating to  
6       Methyl thioglycolate (MTG)) is amended by striking “12/  
7       31/2006” and inserting “12/31/2009”.

8       (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by  
9       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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