

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

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

[Date approved: November 10, 2005]²

Bill No. and sponsor: H.R. 2578 (Mr. Jo Bonner of Alabama).

Proponent name, location: DuPont, Mobile, AL.

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

Nature of bill: Temporary duty suspension through December 31, 2009.

Retroactive effect: None.

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

Dimethyl carbonate (CAS No. 616-38-6) (provided for in subheading 2920.90.50).

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:

Dimethyl carbonate is a synthetic organic chemical used as an intermediate in the production of insecticides for fruit trees and vegetables and, more generally, as a solvent and an intermediate in other synthesis. The product is imported from Japan, China, and Germany.

Estimated effect on customs revenue:

HTS subheading: 2920.90.50					
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Col. 1-General rate of duty					
Col. 1-General rate of duty	3.7%	3.7%	3.7%	3.7%	3.7%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000	\$1,300,000	\$1,300,000	\$1,300,000
Customs revenue loss	\$44,400	\$44,400	\$48,100	\$48,100	\$48,100

Source of estimated dutiable import data: Industry estimates.

¹ Industry analyst preparing report: Philip Stone (202-205-3424); 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.

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	09/01/2005	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	09/14/2005	No	No	No
Crop Life America Lawrence Norton, Fax: 202-463-0474	09/14/2005	No	No	No
Dow Agro Science Lisa Schroeter, Fax: 202-429-3467	09/14/2005	No	No	No
FMC Jerry Prout, Fax: 202-956-5235	09/14/2005	No	No	No
LANXESS Corporation Jamie B. Schaeffer, Fax: 412-809-3614	09/14/2005	No	No	No
Monsanto Corporation Michael Parrish, Fax: 202-789-1867	09/14/2005	No	No	No
PPG Fine Chemicals Robert Rega, 724-325-5849	10/03/2005	No	No	No
Syngenta Mike Blythe, Fax: 336-632-6084	09/14/2005	No	No	No
Valent USA Robin Demouth, Fax: 925-256-2776	09/14/2005	No	No	No

Technical comments:³ The correct CAS number for this product is 616-38-6.

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. 2578

To suspend temporarily the duty on Dimethyl carbonate.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 24, 2005

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

A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on Dimethyl carbonate.

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. DIMETHYL CARBONATE.**

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

“	9902.07.44	Dimethyl carbonate (CAS No. 616-68-6) (provided for in subheading 2920.90.50) ..	Free	No change	No change	On or before 12/31/2009	”.
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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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