

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

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

[Date approved: October 26, 2006]²

Bill No. and sponsor: S. 3212 (Mr. Frank R. Lautenberg of New Jersey).

Proponent name, location: Solvay Solexis, Inc., Thorofare, NJ.

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)):

Ethene, tetrafluoro-oxidized, polymerized reduced, methyl esters, reduced (CAS No. 88645-29-8)
(provided for in subheading 3907.20.00).

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 product, ethene, tetrafluoro-oxidized, polymerized reduced, methyl esters, reduced, is a synthetic organic chemical that is used as a lubricating surface treatment for disk drives. Solvay Solexis imports the product from Italy.

Estimated effect on customs revenue:

HTS subheading: 3907.20.00					
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Col. 1-General rate of duty	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$2,210,000	\$5,260,000	\$5,790,000	\$6,366,000	\$7,000,000
Customs revenue loss	\$143,650	\$341,900	\$376,350	\$413,790	\$455,000

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	Claim US makes same or competing product(s)?	Submission attached?	Opposition noted?
		(Yes/No)		
Solvay Solexis, Inc. (Proponent) Andrew Jones, 856-251-3410	07/25/2006	No	No	No
Abbott Elaine Leavenworth, Fax: 202-783-6631	08/03/2006	No	No	No
American Chemistry Council Jim O'Connor, Fax: 703-741-6922	08/03/2006	No	No	No
Asahi Glass Chemicals Jeff Neeley, 202-530-8503	08/03/2006	No	No	No
Bayer Corporation Julie Van Egmund, Fax: 202-737-8909 Karen L. Niedermeyer, Fax: 412-777-4740	08/03/2006	No	No	No
Biddle Sawyer William Thonack, Fax: 212-239-1089	08/03/2006	No	No	No
Ciba Specialty Chemicals John Demming, Fax: 302-479-5152	08/03/2006	No	No	No
DuPont Elaine Olsen, 302-992-2263	08/03/2006	No	No	No
Eastman Chemical Company Jorge San Pedro, Fax: 703-524-7707 Greg Riddle, Fax: 703-524-7707	08/03/2006	No	No	No
Honeywell International Art Simonetti, Fax: 202-662-2675	08/03/2006	No	No	No
Monsanto Corporation Michael Parrish, Fax: 202-789-1867 Linda Strachan, Fax: 202-789-1867	08/03/2006	No	No	No
Rhodia Dominick Cangiano, Fax: 609-860-2256	08/03/2006	No	No	No
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Uniroyal Chemical Company Lloyd Moon, Fax: 203-573-4430	08/03/2006	No	No	No

Technical comments:³

The Commission suggests that the article description on page 1 of this report be used in the proposed new heading in order to provide the correct HTS subheading reference.

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
2D SESSION

S. 3212

To suspend temporarily the duty on Ethene, tetrafluoro-oxidized, polymerized reduced, methyl esters, reduced.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 25, 2006

Mr. LAUTENBERG introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on Ethene, tetrafluoro-oxidized, polymerized reduced, methyl esters, reduced.

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. ETHENE, TETRAFLUORO-OXIDIZED, POLYM-**
4 **ERIZED REDUCED, METHYL ESTERS, RE-**
5 **DUCED.**

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

“	9902.39.17	Ethene, tetrafluoro-oxidized, polymerized reduced, methyl esters, reduced (CAS No. 88645-29-8) (provided for in sub-heading 3907.20)	Free	No change	No change	On or before 12/31/2009	”.
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1 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by
2 this section shall apply with respect to goods entered, or
3 withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after
4 the 15th day after the date of enactment of this Act.

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