



## MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION of the 112th Congress

Date approved

### I. Background

Bill number:

Sponsor name:

Sponsor state:

#### Interested entity:

Name

City

State

Other bills on product (112th Congress only):

Nature of bill:

Expiration date:

Current or previous chapter 99 heading:

Retroactive date:

CAS number (if applicable):

Industry analyst:

Telephone:

Tariff Affairs contact:

Telephone:

#### Note:

1. Access to an electronic copy of this memorandum is available at [http://www.usitc.gov/tariff\\_affairs/congress\\_reports/](http://www.usitc.gov/tariff_affairs/congress_reports/).
2. In regard to the country(ies) of origin listed in section III, this report focuses on dutiable imports and does not take into account any tariff preference programs or special rates of duty.

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

Aqueous mixtures of polyvinyl alcohol (CAS No. 98002-48-3) and polyvinyl pyrrolidone (CAS No. 9003-39-8) (provided for in subheading 3905.99.80)

(If enacted, the tariff relief provided for in this bill would be available to any entity that imports the product that is covered by the bill.)

Description above compared with bill as introduced:

- Same
 Different (see Technical Comments section)

**III. Other product information, including uses/applications and source(s) of imports**

The subject product is used in cementing fluids for gas wells. It is imported from France.

**IV. Estimated effect on customs revenue**

Table with 6 columns: Item, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017. Rows include Subject product HTS subheading(s) (3905.99.80), Col.1-general rate of duty or percentage point reduction (%), Estimated value of dutiable imports (\$), and Customs revenue loss (\$).

Note: Customs revenue loss is provided for 5 years, although the effective period of the proposed legislation may differ. Regarding the HTS subheading listed in the article description of the bill, the Commission may express an opinion on the HTS classification of a product to facilitate consideration of the bill. However, by law, only U.S. Customs and Border Protection is authorized to issue a binding ruling on this matter. The Commission believes that Customs should be consulted prior to enactment of the bill.

Dutiable imports were based on (more than one may apply):

- Official statistics of the U.S. Department of Commerce
 Provided by industry sources
 Industry information
 Commission estimates

Duty reduction notes:

- This bill is not a duty reduction
 This bill is a temporary duty reduction. Rates are shown below.

Col.1-general duty rate (%) [ ] Temporary rate (%) [ ] Percentage point reduction (%) [ ]

**V. Technical comments**

Ashland submitted a letter stating opposition to H.R. 4722. It is noted in the contact table. The company has also submitted a letter stating opposition to the companion bill, S. 2518.

**VI. Continuation**

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## VII. Contacts with domestic firms/organizations

#	Firm/organization and contact name	Telephone number	Claims same or competing product made in the United States	Submission attached	Opposition noted
1	Rhodia (Interested entity) Jackie Guscott	609-860-3379	No	No	No
2	3M Greg Walters	202-414-3008	No	No	No
3	Air Products Richard F. Goodstein	202-639-0840	No	No	No
4	Albaugh Stuart Feldstein	515-964-9444	No	No	No
5	Arkema David Kunz	202-263-3491	No	No	No
6	Ashland Frank Fusiak	973-628-4123	Yes	Yes	Yes
7	BASF Richard J. Salamone	973-895-8316	No	No	No
8	Bayer Steve Johnsen	412-777-5616	No	No	No
9	Celanese Samuel Ramirez	972-443-4689	No	No	No
10	Chemtura Elizabeth J. Thomasino	203-573-2644	No	No	No
11	Clariant Andrew Zamoyski	202-415-9159	No	No	No
12	ColorChem Steven Printz	770-993-5500, x18	No	No	No
13	Crowell & Moring, LLP Mike Gill	202-508-8843	No	No	No
14	DSM Sheetal Bhadekar	973-257-8323	No	No	No
15	Dixie Chemical Mal Johnson	281-291-2659	No	No	No
16	Dow Chemical Co. Lisa Schroeter	202-429-3407	No	No	No
17	Drexel Chemical Stanley Bernard	901-774-4370	No	No	No
18	DuPont Elaine M. Olsen	302-992-2263	No	No	No

#	Firm/organization and contact name	Telephone number	Claims same or competing product made in the United States	Submission attached	Opposition noted
19	DyStar L.P. Megan Malone	202-344-4621	No	No	No
20	Eastman Brent Perry	202-347-9547	No	No	No
21	Emerald Performance Materials Thomas Dirmyer	330-916-6706	No	No	No
22	Evonik Russell Mait	804-452-5711	No	No	No
23	FMC Jerry Prout	202-956-5209	No	No	No
24	Fanwood Chemical V. M. (Jim) DeLisi	908-322-8440	No	No	No
25	Honeywell Art Simonetti	202-662-2671	No	No	No
26	Huntsman Robert F. Hurley	202-289-9800	No	No	No
27	Kemira Rajesh Sharma	678-819-4577	No	No	No
28	LANXESS Jamie B. Schaeffer	412-809-3666	No	No	No
29	Lonza Joe Robinson	201-316-9364	No	No	No
30	Milliken Kathi Dutilh	202-775-0084	No	No	No
31	Monsanto James K. Travis	202-383-2864	No	No	No
32	Nation Ford Chemical Jay Dickson	803-548-3210, x15	No	No	No
33	Nufarm Americas Joel Junker	206-621-7878	No	No	No
34	PPG Industries Bill Ries	412-434-1717	No	No	No
35	Procter & Gamble Matt Mattingley	202-841-5601	No	No	No
36	Purolite Gary Thundercliffe	484-384 2708	No	No	No
37	Royce Associates, ALP Terry Scheirer	201-438-5200	No	No	No

38	SOCMA Robert E. Branand, Esq.	202-345-2717	No	No	No
39	Sensient Technologies Ken Goldacker	314-658-7363	No	No	No
40	Sigma Aldrich Jared Fenton	314-286-8326	No	No	No
41	Solutia Kassie Wooton	314-674-3297	No	No	No
42	Solvay Andrew K. Jones	856-251-3412	No	No	No
43	Symrise Elizabeth Scharlat	908-429-6821	No	No	No
44	Syngenta Mike Blythe	336-632-2824	No	No	No
45	Tessenderlo Kerley Brian Thomassen	602-889-8397	No	No	No
46	United Color Manufacturing Tom Nowakowski	215-860-2165	No	No	No
47	Valent Robin Demouth	925-256-2758	No	No	No

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The Honorable Dave Camp  
Chairman - U.S. House Ways and Means Committee  
1102 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington D.C. 20515

The Honorable Sander Levin  
Ranking Member - U.S. House Ways and Means Committee  
1102 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington D.C. 20515

RE: S.2518

Dear Chairman Camp and Ranking Member Levin:

We are sending this letter regarding H.R. 4722, which seeks to temporarily suspend the import duty on aqueous mixtures of *polyvinyl alcohol* and *polyvinyl pyrrolidone* (HTSUS 9902.01.00).

Ashland Specialty Ingredients ("ASI"), a unit of Ashland Inc. that is headquartered in Delaware, is a domestic manufacturer of aqueous solutions of *polyvinyl pyrrolidone*. ASI sells the product to various customers who then mix it with *polyvinyl alcohol* to create aqueous mixtures of *polyvinyl alcohol* and *polyvinyl pyrrolidone*. ASI has revenues of roughly \$25 million a year on sales of the product. It is manufactured at several ASI plants around the country, including facilities in Calvert City, Kentucky; Texas City, Texas; Columbus, Ohio; and Freetown, Massachusetts. The suspension of tariffs on this product would negatively affect ASI's revenue and employment of approximately 30 manufacturing workers and 6 corporate support personnel.

We believe that since the product is presently being manufactured in the United States, suspension of the import duty on aqueous mixtures of *polyvinyl alcohol* and *polyvinyl pyrrolidone* would harm U.S. industry and workers and, therefore, would not meet the qualifications for duty suspension. We appreciate your attention to this matter of importance to our company and would be happy to provide any further information you may require.

Sincerely,



CC: Elizabeth Nesbitt, International Trade Commission  
Raymond Cantrell, International Trade Commission

United States International Trade Commission  
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112TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 4722

To suspend temporarily the duty on mixtures of polyvinyl alcohol and polyvinyl pyrrolidone.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 25, 2012

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

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## A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on mixtures of polyvinyl alcohol and polyvinyl pyrrolidone.

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. MIXTURES OF POLYVINYL ALCOHOL AND POLY-**

4 **VINYL PYRROLIDONE.**

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

“	9902.01.00	Aqueous mixtures of polyvinyl alcohol (CAS No. 98002-48-3) and polyvinyl pyrrolidone (CAS No. 9003-39-8) (provided for in subheading 3905.99.80) .....	Free	No change	No change	On or before 12/31/2015	”.
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1           (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by  
2 subsection (a) applies to goods entered, or withdrawn from  
3 warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after  
4 the date of the enactment of this Act.

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