

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: July 26, 2005]<sup>2</sup>

**Bill No. and sponsor:** H.R. 637 (Ms. Kaptur)

**Proponent name, location:** Perstorp Polyols, Inc.  
Toledo, Ohio

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

**Nature of bill:** Temporary duty suspension through December 31, 2008.

**Retroactive effect:** None.

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

2-Butyl-2-ethylpropane-1,3-diol (CAS No. 115-84-4) (provided for in subheading 2905.39.90).

**Check one:**  Same as that in bill as introduced  
 Different from that in bill as introduced (explain differences in the Technical comments section)

**Product information, including uses/applications and source(s) of imports:**

The product is an organic chemical used as a component of architectural and industrial coatings (paints), and to make heat stabilizers for polyethylene and polypropylene. It is imported from Belgium and Japan.

<sup>1</sup> Industry analyst preparing report: Larry Johnson (202-205-3351); Tariff Affairs contact: David Michels (202-205-3340).

<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).

**Estimated effect on customs revenue:**

<b>HTS subheading: 2905.39.90</b>					
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Col. 1-General rate of duty (AVE) <u>1/</u>	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$750,000	\$825,000	\$900,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,100,000
Customs revenue loss	\$41,250	\$45,375	\$49,500	\$55,000	\$60,500

1/ The AVE is the ad valorem equivalent of a specific or compound duty rate expressed as a percent, using the most recent import data available.

Source of estimated dutiable import data: 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)		
Perstorp Polyols, Inc. (proponent) Ms. Evelyn M. Suarez (202) 293-8116	5/17/2005	No	No	No
Ms. Marcy Kaptur (sponsor) Ms. Jennifer Goedke (202) 225-4146	5/17/2005	No	No	No
Avecia Limited (Crowell & Moring) Ms. Melissa Coyle (202) 624-2500	5/17/2005	No	No	No
Bayer Corporation Mr. Seth Tomei (412) 777-4197	5/17/2005	No	No	No
Eastman Chemical Co., President Kingsford, TN (FAX: 423-229-1673) Longview, TX (FAX: 903-237-5371)	5/17/2005	No	No	No
Rohm & Haas Company Mr. Henry P. Stoebenau (215) 628-4919	5/17/2005	No	No	No
Solutia Inc. Mr. Glen Ruskin (202) 822-1690	5/17/2005	No	No	No

**Technical comments:**<sup>3</sup>

The Commission recommends that the suggested article description provided on page 1 of this report be used in the proposed new heading, as the initial “e” in the word “ethylpropane” should not be capitalized.

The Commission also suggests that the phrase “No change” be inserted in lieu of “Free” in the special subcolumn of the proposed new heading.

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<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. 637

To suspend temporarily the duty on Butyl Ethyl Propanediol (BEPD).

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 8, 2005

Ms. KAPTUR 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 Butyl Ethyl Propanediol  
(BEPD).

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. BUTYL ETHYL PROPANEDIOL (BEPD).**

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:

“	9902.07.02	2-Butyl-2-Ethylpropane-1,3-diol (CAS No. 115-84-4) (provided for in subheading 2905.39.90) .....	Free	Free	No change	On or before 12/31/2008	”.
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1       (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
2 subsection (a) applies with respect to goods entered, or  
3 withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after  
4 the 15th day after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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