

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: September 20, 2005]<sup>2</sup>

**Bill No. and sponsor:** H.R. 2117 (Mr. Jerry Weller of Illinois)

**Proponent name, location:** BASF Corporation  
Florham Park, NJ

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

**Nature of bill:** To suspend the duty through December 31, 2008.

**Retroactive effect:** None.

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

Hexanedioic acid, polymer with *N*-(2-aminoethyl)-1,2-ethanediamine, 5-amino-1,3,3-trimethylcyclohexanemethanamine, 1,4-butanediol, 2,2-dimethyl-1,3-propanediol, 1,2-ethanediamine, 1,6-hexanediol, -isocyanato-1-(isocyanatomethyl)-1,3,3-trimethylcyclohexane, 1,1'-methylenebis[4-isocyanatocyclohexane], oxirane and sodium 2-propenoate, blocked, butyl alcohol blocked (CAS No. 110053-40-2) (provided for in subheading 3909.50.50).

**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:**

The subject compound is a polyurethane resin used to finish leather. It is imported from Germany. Major chemical companies import competing products.

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<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: 3909.50.50</b>					
<del> </del>	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Col. 1-General rate of duty	6.3%	6.3%	6.3%	6.3%	6.3%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
Customs revenue loss	\$94,500	\$94,500	\$94,500	\$94,500	\$94,500

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)		
BASF Corporation (proponent) Tom Coleman, 202-289-3900	07/20/2005	No	No	No
Bayer Corporation Karen Niedermeyer, 412-777-2058	07/20/2005 07/28/2005	No	No	No
Ciba Specialty Chemicals Michelle Forte, 914-785-2000	07/20/2005	No	No	No
DuPont Chemical Elaine Olsen, 302-992-2263	07/20/2005	No	No	No

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

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 chemical name.

<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.

109TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 2117

To suspend temporarily the duty on Astacin Finish PUM.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 5, 2005

Mr. WELLER 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 Astacin Finish PUM.

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. ASTACIN FINISH PUM.**

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:

“	9902.06.10	Astacin Finish PUM (CAS No. 110053–40–2) (provided for in subheading 3909.50.50) .....	Free	No change	No change	On or before 12/31/2008	”.
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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 enactment of this Act.

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