

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

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

[Date approved: October 6, 2005]²

Bill No. and sponsor: H.R. 2261 (Mr. Phil English of Pennsylvania).

Proponent name, location: Rohm and Haas Company
Philadelphia, PA 19106

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

Nature of bill: Extension of temporary duty suspension through 12/31/2009.

Retroactive effect: None.

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

Ion-exchange resin comprising a copolymer of styrene crosslinked with ethenylbenzene, aminophosphonic acid, sodium form (CAS No. 125935-42-4) (provided for in subheading 3914.00.60)

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:

Rohm and Haas imports the subject ion-exchange resin under the trade name Amberlite® IRC747, a resin of macroporous structure in the form of beige beads. It is used for the removal of unwanted metal cations (positively charged ions) such as calcium, magnesium and strontium from sodium chloride brine. Removal of these cation species greatly prolongs the life of the membranes used in the electrolysis of brine to produce caustic and chlorine by the chlor-alkali process, where unwanted cations are reduced to the parts-per-billion level. Other uses include the removal of lead from waste water, zinc from water used in cooling processes, and a number of other environmentally friendly applications which remove deleterious metal ions. The proponent's product is manufactured and imported from Chauny, France. Sybron Chemical, Inc. (LANXESS Corp.) also reportedly produces and imports this product from Germany.

¹ Industry analyst preparing report: Ray Cantrell (202-205-3362); 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

Estimated effect on customs revenue:

HTS subheading: 3914.00.60					
 	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Col. 1-General rate of duty	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
Customs revenue loss <u>1/</u>	\$19,500	\$19,500	\$19,500	\$19,500	\$19,500

1/ Revenue loss for 2005 and 2006 results from a current suspension of duty per heading 9902.02.33. Source of estimated dutiable import data: Commission and 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)		
Rohm and Haas Company (Proponent) Mr. Henry P. Stobenau 215-628-4919	08/05/2005	No	No	No
Bayer Corporation Ms. Karen L. Niedermeyer 412-777-2058	08/11/2005	No	No	No
Dow Chemical Company Ms. Lisa Schroeder 202-429-3400	08/11/2005	No	No	No
LANXESS Corporation Ms. Jamie B. Schaeffer 412-809-3666	08/11/2005	No	No	No
Purolite Company Mr. Don Brodie Fax: 610-668-1997	8/12/2005	No	No	No

Technical comments:³ None.

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. 2261

To extend the suspension of duty on a certain ion exchange resin.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 11, 2005

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

A BILL

To extend the suspension of duty on a certain ion exchange resin.

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. ION EXCHANGE RESIN COMPRISING A**
4 **COMPOLYMER OF STYRENE CROSSLINKED**
5 **WITH** **ETHENYLBENZENE,**
6 **AMINOPHOSPHONIC ACID SODIUM FORM.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Heading 9902.02.33 of the Har-
8 monized Tariff Schedule of the United States is amended
9 by striking “12/31/2006” and inserting “12/31/2009”.

10 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
11 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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