

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 28, 2005]<sup>2</sup>

**Bill No. and sponsor:** H.R. 2277 (Mr. Phil English of Pennsylvania)

**Proponent name, location:** Bayer MaterialScience LLC  
Pittsburgh, PA 15205

**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)):**

Methyl hydroxyethyl cellulose products containing 77% or greater content of 2-hydroxyethyl methyl ether cellulose (CAS No. 9032-42-2) (provided for in subheading 3912.39.00)

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

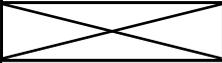
**Product information, including uses/applications and source(s) of imports:**

Methyl hydroxyethyl cellulose products containing 77% or greater content of 2-hydroxyethyl methyl ether cellulose is a synthetic organic chemical component used in dispersion-based and cement-based building material systems to improve workability properties, such as water retention, of the final product. The proponent imports this product from Germany.

<sup>1</sup> Industry analyst preparing report: Eric Land (202-205-3349); Tariff Affairs contact: Dave Michels (202-205-3352).

<sup>2</sup> Access to an electronic copy of this memorandum is available at <http://www.usitc.gov/billrpts.htm>.

**Estimated effect on customs revenue:**

<b>HTS subheading: 3912.39.00</b>					
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Col. 1-General rate of duty	4.2%	4.2%	4.2%	4.2%	4.2%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000
Customs revenue loss	\$105,000	\$105,000	\$105,000	\$105,000	\$105,000

Source of estimated dutiable import data: Industry estimates and Commission 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)		
Bayer MaterialScience (proponent) Karen Niedermeyer fax: 412-777-4740	8/15/2005	No	No	No
Albright & Wilson Susan Greenbaum Fax: 804-968-6498	8/15/2005	No	No	No
Bayer MaterialScience LLC Julie Von Egmund Fax: 202-737-8908	8/15/2005	No	No	No
Biddle Sawyer William Thonack Fax: 212-239-1089	8/15/2005	No	No	No
American Chemistry Council Jim O'Connor Fax: 703-741-6922	8/15/2005	No	No	No
Ciba Specialty Chemicals Michelle Forte Fax: 914-785-4831	8/15/2005	No	No	No
Clariant Corp. Andrew Zamoyski fax 401-823-2700	8/15/2005	No	No	No
E.I DuPont Nancy Johnson Fax: 202-728-3649	8/15/2005	No	No	No
E.I DuPont Elaine Olson Fax: 302-892-7343	8/15/2005	No	No	No

Eastman Chemical Co. Greg Riddle Fax: 703-524-7707	8/15/2005	No	No	No
Honeywell International Art Simonetti Fax: 202-662-2675	8/15/2005	No	No	No
Monsanto Linda Strachan Fax: 202-789-1867	8/15/2005	No	No	No
Monsanto Michael Parrish Fax: 202-789-1867	8/15/2005	No	No	No
Noveon Tom Dirmyer Fax: 214-415-6001	8/15/2005	No	No	No
Solutia Sue Cannon Fax: 314-674-1585	8/15/2005	No	No	No
Solutia Dan Jenkins Fax: 314-674-1585	8/15/2005	No	No	No

**Technical comments:**<sup>3</sup> None.

<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. 2277

To suspend temporarily the duty on Walocel VP-M 20660.

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## 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

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## A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on Walocel VP-M 20660.

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. WALOCEL VP-M 20660.**

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:

“	9902.09.06	Methyl Hydroxyethyl Cellulose with a 77% or greater content of 2-hydroxyethyl methyl ether cellulose (CAS No. 9032-42-2) (provided for in subheading 3912.39.00) .....	Free	No change	No change	On or before 12/31/2008	”.
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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 enactment of this Act.

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