

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

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

[Date approved: November 8, 2005]²

Bill No. and sponsor: H.R. 2435 (Mr. Tim Murphy of Pennsylvania).

Proponent name, location: H.C. Starck Inc., Newton, MA.

Other bills on product (109th Congress only): S. 1486

Nature of bill: Extension of temporary duty suspension through December 31, 2009.

Retroactive effect: None.

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

3,4-Ethylenedioxythiophene (CAS No. 126213-50-1) (provided for in subheading 2934.99.90).

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

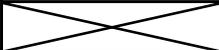
Product information, including uses/applications and source(s) of imports:

This chemical is used by the electronics industry in the production of capacitors, printed circuit boards, and electrostatic and antistatic coatings for films. The subject product is imported from Germany.

¹ Industry analyst preparing report: Jeff Clark (202-205-3318); 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: 2934.99.90					
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Col. 1-General rate of duty	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$3,175,000	\$3,175,000	\$3,175,000	\$3,175,000	\$3,175,000
Customs revenue loss <u>1/</u>	\$206,375	\$206,375	\$206,375	\$206,375	\$206,375

1/ Estimated revenue loss for 2005 and 2006 results from a current suspension of duty per heading 9902.29.87, which expires on December 31, 2006.

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)		
H.C. Starck Inc. ³ (Proponent) Karen Niedermeyer, 412-777-2058	09/13/2005	No	No	No
BASF Corp. Tom Coleman, 202-289-3900	09/13/2005	No	No	No
Ciba Specialty Chemicals Corp. John Deming, 302-479-5499	09/13/2005	No	No	No
Clariant Corporation Andrew Zamoyski, 401-823-2230	09/13/2005	No	No	No
E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company Elaine Olsen, 302-992-2263	09/13/2005	No	No	No
Lonza, Inc. Ray Esposito, 201-316-9200	09/13/2005	No	No	No

Technical comments:⁴ None.

³ H.C. Starck Inc. is part of the Bayer Corp.

⁴ 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. 2435

To extend the suspension of duty on Baytron M.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 18, 2005

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

A BILL

To extend the suspension of duty on Baytron M.

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. BAYTRON M.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Heading 9902.29.87 of the Har-
5 monized Tariff Schedule of the United States (relating to
6 3,4-Ethylenedioxythiophene) is amended by striking “12/
7 31/2006” and inserting “12/31/2009”.

8 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
9 subsection (a) applies to goods entered, or withdrawn from
10 warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after
11 the date of the enactment of this Act.