

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. 2443 (Mr. Tim Murphy of Pennsylvania).

Proponent name, location: LANXESS Corp., Pittsburgh, PA

Other bills on product (109th Congress only): H.R. 2523.

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)):

Ammonium bifluoride (CAS No. 1341-49-7) (provided for in subheading 2826.11.10).

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:

Ammonium bifluoride, imported from Germany, is used as a stripper in metal applications to remove impurities from the metal's surface, as a surface treatment agent in etching glass, a softener for silica-containing rocks in oil drilling, as surface protection of aluminum alloys, and in wood preservation.

¹ Industry analyst preparing report: Jack Greenblatt (202-205-3353); 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: 2826.11.10					
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Col. 1-General rate of duty	3.1%	3.1%	3.1%	3.1%	3.1%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$1,575,000	\$1,575,000	\$1,575,000	\$1,575,000	\$1,575,000
Customs revenue loss ^{1/}	\$48,825	\$48,825	\$48,825	\$48,825	\$48,825

^{1/} Estimated revenue loss for 2005 and 2006 results from a current suspension of duty per heading 9902.28.20, which expires 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)		
LANXESS Corp. (proponent) Steve Ziehm, 202-872-8181	9/13/2005	No	No	No
General Chemicals Jim Imbriaco, 973-884-6952	9/15/2005	No	No	No
Tyco Healthcare/Mallinckrot Kathleen Powers, 314-654-63333	9/15/2005	No	No	No
Atotech USA, Inc. Mark Steele, 803-817-3500	9/16/2005	No	No	No
Ozark Fluorine Specialty Chemicals Linda Gibson, 918-583-0851	9/16/2005	No	No	No
Honeywell Corp. Art Simonetti, 202-662-2671	9/20/2005	No	No	No
Solvay Chemicals Mark Looney, 713-525-6588	9/16/2005	No (produced in Mexico)	Yes	Yes

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. 2443

To extend the temporary suspension of duty on Ammonium Bifluoride.

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 temporary suspension of duty on Ammonium
Bifluoride.

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. AMMONIUM BIFLUORIDE.**

4 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Heading 9902.28.20 of the Har-
5 monized Tariff Schedule of the United States (relating to
6 Ammonium Bifluoride) is amended by striking “12/31/
7 2006” and inserting “12/31/2009”.

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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