

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

**MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION
of the 110th Congress¹**

[Date approved: June 12, 2008]²

Bill No. and sponsor: H.R. 4975 (Mr. Jim Ramstad of Minnesota).

Proponent name,³ location: 3M Company, St. Paul, MN.

Other bills on product (110th Congress only): None.

Nature of bill: Temporary duty suspension through December 31, 2011.

Retroactive effect: None.

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

Perfluoro-1-butanefluoride (CAS No. 375-72-4) (provided for in subheading 2904.90.50).

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 product is a synthetic organic chemical that is used to manufacture protective coatings for apparel and home furnishings, and to manufacture specialty surfactants. The subject product is imported from Belgium.

Estimated effect on customs revenue:

HTS subheading: <u>2904.90.50</u>					
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Col. 1-General rate of duty					
Col. 1-General rate of duty	3.7%	3.7%	3.7%	3.7%	3.7%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$7,000,000	\$7,500,000	\$8,000,000	\$8,000,000	\$8,000,000
Customs revenue loss	\$259,000	\$277,500	\$296,000	\$296,000	\$296,000

Source of estimated dutiable import data: U.S. industry estimates.

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://www.usitc.gov/tata/hts/other/rel_doc/bill_reports/.

³ The sponsor/proponent did not identify any additional beneficiaries of this bill.

Contacts with domestic firms/organizations (including the proponent):

Name of firm/organization	Date contacted	Claim US makes same or competing product(s)?	Submission attached?	Opposition noted?
		(Yes/No)		
3M Company (Proponent) Mildred Haynes, Fax: 202-414-3037 Warren Weber, Fax: 651-732-8044	3/21/2008 3/26/2008 4/15/2008 4/18/2008	No	No	No
Abbott Laboratories Elaine Leavenworth, Fax: 202-783-6631	4/1/2008	No	No	No
American Chemistry Council Marty Durbin, Fax: 703-741-6097	4/1/2008	No	No	No
BASF Corp. Greg Thies, Fax: 202-558-5101	4/1/2008	No	No	No
Bayer Corp. Karen Niedermeyer, Fax: 412-777-4740 Julie Van Egmund, Fax: 202-737-8909	4/1/2008	No	No	No
Biddle Sawyer Corp. William Thonack, Fax: 212-239-1089	4/1/2008	No	No	No
Chemtura Matt Mattingley, Fax: 202-463-8497 Lloyd Moon, Fax: 203-573-2686	4/1/2008	No	No	No
Ciba Specialty Chemicals Corp. Robert Hurley, Fax: 202-289-3588 Michelle Forte, Fax: 914-785-4831	4/1/2008	No	No	No
Clariant Corporation Andrew Zamoyski, Fax: 202-248-9043	4/1/2008	No	No	No
Daikin America Rich Straff, 845-365-9500	4/16/2008 4/18/2008	No	No	No
Dow Chemical Lisa Schroeter, Fax: 202-429-3467	4/1/2008	No	No	No
DuPont Helen McMahon, Fax: 302-355-2994	4/1/2008	No	No	No
Eastman Chemical Greg Riddle, Fax: 212-835-1621	4/1/2008	No	No	No
Emerald Performance Chemicals Tom Dirmyer, Fax: 330-315-6480	4/1/2008	No	No	No
GlaxoSmithKline William Schuyler, Fax: 202-715-1001	4/1/2008	No	No	No

Name of firm/organization	Date contacted	Claim US makes same or competing product(s)?	Submission attached?	Opposition noted?
		(Yes/No)		
Honeywell International Art Simonetti, Fax: 202-662-2675	4/1/2008	No	No	No
Lonza, Inc. Cheryl Prescott, Fax: 201-696-3558	4/1/2008	No	No	No
Monsanto Grant Erdel, Fax: 202-789-1867	4/1/2008	No	No	No
Perstop Polyols, Inc. Jeff Jones, Fax: 419-729-3291	4/1/2008	No	No	No
Rhodia Dominick Cangiano, Fax: 609-860-2256	4/1/2008	No	No	No
Solutia Kassie Wooton, Fax: 314-674-1585	4/1/2008	No	No	No
Tennant Co. Mary Heie, Fax: 763-513-1808	4/1/2008	No	No	No
Total Specialty Chemicals, Inc. Tad Acker, Fax: 203-966-1505	4/1/2008	No	No	No
Union Carbide Jim Murray, Fax: 202-347-1684	4/1/2008	No	No	No

Technical comments:⁴

The Commission staff suggests that the article description on page 1 of this report be used in the proposed new heading in order to provide a more specific name according to IUPAC nomenclature and to provide the correct HTS subheading reference.

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.

110TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 4975

To suspend temporarily the duty on perfluorobutane sulfonyl fluoride.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 15, 2008

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

A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on perfluorobutane sulfonyl
fluoride.

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. PERFLUOROBUTANE SULFONYL FLUORIDE.**

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:

“	9902.01.00	Perfluorobutane sulfonyl fluoride (CAS No. 375–72–4) (provided for in subheading 2904.10.50)	Free	No change	No change	On or before 12/31/2011	”.
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1 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
2 subsection (a) applies to articles entered, or withdrawn
3 from warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day
4 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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