



July 28 2006

The Honorable Charles Grassley
The Honorable Max Baucus
Committee on Finance
United States Senate
219 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC, 20510

Attn: "MTB" – S. 3349 – Technical Change

Dear Mr. Chairman and Ranking Member Baucus:

Dyneon LLC, a subsidiary of 3M Corporation, strongly supports legislation introduced by Senator Richard Shelby (S. 3349) to extend temporarily the suspension of duty on certain fluoropolymers.

This legislation would support Dyneon's production facility in Decatur, Alabama, where imports of these unique fluoropolymers are processed into pellets and sold to downstream end users in the automotive industry.

A technical change to S. 3349, as written, is needed to ensure that the provision is properly enacted. S. 3349 calls for the extension until 12/31/2009 of Heading 9902.39.04 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). However, there is no Heading 9902.39.04 in the current HTSUS. Rather, the existing Heading for this product in Chapter 99 of the HTSUS is 9902.01.62. As such, the legislative text should read:

(a) In General- Heading 9902.01.62 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (relating to fluoropolymers containing 95 percent or more by weight of the 3 monomer units tetrafluoroethylene, hexafluoropropylene, and vinylidene fluoride) is amended by striking the date in the effective period column and inserting '12/31/2009'.

This technical change has been shared with the U.S. International Trade Commission for its review of this legislation. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mildred W. Haynes". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mildred W. Haynes
Manager
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