

MEMORANDUM

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To: Senate Committee on Finance

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Re: Comments on S. 2806, to Suspend Temporarily Duties on Sodium Hypophosphite

Rhodia Inc. welcomes this opportunity to comment on Senator DeMint's bill, S. 2806, to suspend temporarily the duty on sodium hypophosphite. The bill was introduced at the request of Rhodia Inc., the U.S. operations of which are based in Cranbury, New Jersey. Rhodia has a major plant in Charleston, South Carolina.

Rhodia product is used for nickel deposition (nickel plating).

Rhodia Inc. strongly supports S. 2806 and urges its incorporation in the miscellaneous tariffs legislation that is being prepared by the Committee.