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The Honorable David Camp
Committee on Ways and Means
United States House of Representatives
1102 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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

RE: H.R. 4721/S. 3027 – Technical Change to Article Description

Dear Chairman Camp and Chairman Baucus,

On behalf of Church & Dwight, I am writing to express support for a technical change to the article description contained in a duty suspension bill currently being considered as part of the miscellaneous tariff bill (MTB) process. H.R. 4721 and S. 3027 would extend a currently enacted duty reduction, HTS 9902.11.32, through December 31, 2015. This provision temporarily reduces the duty on palm fatty acid distillate (“PFAD”), which is a naturally derived organic material and a key ingredient in the formulation of specialty animal feeds by Church & Dwight. The extension of the duty reduction on PFAD will allow Church & Dwight’s U.S. manufacturing to remain competitive in the animal feed sector.

The Commerce Department has indicated that it will support H.R. 4721/S. 3027 if a technical change is made to the article description of the bill to limit the application of the provision for use as a feedstock in animal feeds. This will eliminate any potential objection about the use of this product in other industry sectors. The revised article description would read as follows:

Monocarboxylic fatty acids derived from palm oil for use as a feedstock in animal feeds (provided for in subheading 3823.19.20)

Church & Dwight supports this change to the article description of H.R. 4721/S. 3027.

Thank you for your support for the MTB process in the 112th Congress. We look forward to working with you to ensure passage of a new MTB before the end of the year.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure (1)

cc: The Honorable Rush Holt (D-NJ), United States House of Representatives
The Honorable Frank R. Lautenberg (D-NJ), United States Senate

