

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

**MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION
of the 109th Congress¹**

[Date approved: November 10, 2005]²

Bill No. and sponsor: H.R. 2545 (Mr. James R. Langevin of Rhode Island).

Proponent name, location: Clariant Corporation, Coventry, RI.

Other bills on product (109th Congress only): None.

Nature of bill: Temporary duty suspension through December 31, 2008.

Retroactive effect: None.

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

3-[9,10-dioxo-4-(2,4,6-trimethyl-3-sulfo-phenyl)amino-anthracen-1-yl]amino-2,4,6-trimethyl-benzenesulfonic acid (Acid Blue 80) (CAS No. 4474-24-2) (provided for in subheading 3204.12.50).

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 dye. It is a stable and light-fast blue dye that is used for the coloration of detergents and textiles. The subject product is imported from Switzerland.

Estimated effect on customs revenue:

HTS subheading: <u>3204.12.50</u>					
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Col. 1-General rate of duty					
Col. 1-General rate of duty	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$750,000	\$800,000	\$850,000	\$900,000	\$950,000
Customs revenue loss	\$48,750	\$52,000	\$55,250	\$58,500	\$61,750

Source of estimated dutiable import data: Industry estimates.

¹ Industry analyst preparing report: Stephen Wanser (202-205-3363); 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.

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)		
Clariant Corporation (Proponent) Nick Altman, 704-822-270	9/20/05	No	No	No
BASF, Functional Polymers Bus. Group Joseph Breunig, 704-587-7900	9/20/05	No	No	No
Bayer Corporation, Karen Neidermeyer, 412-777-2058	9/20/05	No	No	No
Ciba Specialty Chemicals Michelle Forte, 914-785-2483	9/20/05	No	No	No
Day-Glo Corporation Richard Thornton, 216-931-7070	9/20/05	No	No	No
Dystar L.P. Van Hawkins, 704-561-3020	9/20/05	No	No	No
ETAD Tucker Helms, PhD, 202-721-4154	9/20/05	No	No	No
Everlight, USA, Inc., Scott Chen, 704-558-1004	9/20/05	No	No	No
Fanwood Chemical Inc. Mr. V.M. (Jim) DiLisi, 908-322-8440	9/20/05	No	No	No
Milliken Industries, Ray Saunders, 864-503-1618	9/20/05	No	No	No
Passaic Color, John Wojciechowski, 973-279-0400	9/20/05	No	No	No
Rohm & Haas, Steven Volger, 215-592-3425	9/20/05	No	No	No
Sensient Color Inc., Dan Victor, 314-286-7167	9/20/05	No	No	No

Technical comments:³

The Commission suggests that the article description on page 1 of this report be used because it includes the chemical name.

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. 2545

To suspend temporarily the duty on Acid Blue 80.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 23, 2005

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

A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on Acid Blue 80.

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. ACID BLUE 80.**

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:

“	9902.09.80	Acid Blue 80 (CAS No. 4474-24-2) (provided for in subheading 3204.12.50)	Free	No change	No change	On or before 12/31/2008	”.
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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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