

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20436

**MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION  
of the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress<sup>1</sup>**

[Date approved: March 24, 2008]<sup>2</sup>

**Bill No. and sponsor:** H.R. 4423 (Mr. Howard Coble of North Carolina).

**Proponent name,<sup>3</sup> location:** Ciba Specialty Chemicals, Tarrytown, NY.

**Other bills on product (110<sup>th</sup> Congress only):** None.

**Nature of bill:** Extension of temporary duty suspension through December 31, 2011.

**Retroactive effect:** None.

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

2-Methyl-1-[4-(methylthio)phenyl]-2-(4-morpholinyl)-1-propanone (CAS No. 71868-10-5) (provided for in subheading 2934.99.39).

**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 as a photoinitiator for industrial coatings and coatings for electronic materials. The proponent imports the product from Italy.

**Estimated effect on customs revenue:**

HTS subheading: <u>2934.99.39</u>					
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
<del>Col. 1-General rate of duty</del>	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000
Customs revenue loss 1/	\$0	\$71,500	\$71,500	\$71,500	\$71,500

1/ There is an existing duty suspension under HTS heading 9902.24.43 that expires on December 31, 2009. Therefore, there will be no customs revenue loss related to this bill in 2009.

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

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

<sup>1</sup> Industry analyst preparing report: Philip Stone (202-205-3424); Tariff Affairs contact: David Michels (202-205-3440).

<sup>2</sup> Access to an electronic copy of this memorandum is available at [http://www.usitc.gov/tata/hts/other/rel\\_doc/bill\\_reports/](http://www.usitc.gov/tata/hts/other/rel_doc/bill_reports/).

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

Name of firm/organization	Date contacted	Claim US makes same or competing product(s)?	Submission attached?	Opposition noted?
		(Yes/No)		
Ciba Specialty Chemicals (Proponent) Robert Hurley, 202-289-9800	02/13/2008	No	No	No
Abbott Elaine Leavenworth, Fax: 202-783-6631	02/19/2008	No	No	No
American Chemistry Council Jim O'Connor, Fax: 703-741-6922	02/19/2008	No	No	No
BASF Corporation Greg Thies, Fax: 703-255-7142	02/19/2008	No	No	No
Bayer Corporation Karen Niedermeyer, Fax: 412-777-4740	02/19/2008	No	No	No
Biddle Sawyer William Thonack, Fax: 212-239-1089	02/19/2008	No	No	No
Chemtura Corporation Matt Mattingley, Fax: 202-463-8497	02/19/2008	No	No	No
Clariant Corporation Andrew Zamoyski, Fax: 202-248-9043	02/19/2008	No	No	No
Dow Chemical Lisa Schroeter, Fax: 202-429-3467	02/19/2008	No	No	No
DuPont Helen McMahon, Fax: 302-355-2994	02/19/2008	No	No	No
Emerald Performance Chemicals Tom Dirmyer, Fax: 330-315-6480	02/19/2008	No	No	No
Honeywell International Art Simonetti, Fax: 202-662-2675	02/19/2008	No	No	No
Monsanto Corporation Grant Erdel, Fax: 202-789-1867	02/19/2008	No	No	No
Rhodia Dominick Cangiana, Fax: 609-860-2256	02/19/2008	No	No	No
Solutia Dan Jenkins, Fax: 314-674-1585	02/19/2008	No	No	No

**Technical comments:**<sup>4</sup> None.

<sup>4</sup> 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  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 4423

To extend the suspension of duty on 2-Methyl-  
1-[4-(methylthio)phenyl]-2-(4-morpholinyl)-1-propanone.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 11, 2007

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

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## A BILL

To extend the suspension of duty on 2-Methyl-  
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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. 2-METHYL-1-[4-(METHYLTHIO)PHENYL]-2-(4-**  
4 **MORPHOLINYL)-1-PROPANONE.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Heading 9902.24.43 of the Har-  
6 monized Tariff Schedule of the United States (relating to  
7 2-Methyl-1-[4-(methylthio)phenyl]-2-(4-morpholinyl)-1-  
8 propanone) is amended by striking the date in the effective  
9 period column and inserting “12/31/2011”.

1       (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
2 subsection (a) applies to goods entered, or withdrawn from  
3 warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after  
4 the date of the enactment of this Act.

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