

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

**MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION
of the 110th Congress¹**

[Date approved: May 8, 2008]²

Bill No. and sponsor: H.R. 4548 (Mr. Barney Frank of Massachusetts).

Proponent name,³ location: EC Pigments USA, Fall River, MA.

Other bills on product (110th 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)):

Basic Blue 7 (CAS No. 2390-60-5) (provided for in subheading 3204.13.80).

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 an organic pigment. It is imported from China and India.

Estimated effect on customs revenue:

HTS subheading: 3204.13.80					
 	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Col. 1-General rate of duty	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
Customs revenue loss 1/	\$0	\$3,250	\$3,250	\$3,250	\$3,250

1/ There is an existing duty suspension under HTS heading 9902.23.61 that expires on December 31, 2009. Therefore, there will be no customs revenue loss related to this bill for 2009.

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

¹ Industry analyst preparing report: J. Johnson (202-205-3351); Tariff Affairs contact: David G. Michels (202-205-3440).

² Access to an electronic copy of this memorandum is available at http://www.usitc.gov/tata/hts/other/rel_doc/bill_reports/.

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

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

Name of firm/organization	Date contacted	Claim US makes same or competing product(s)?	Submission attached?	Opposition noted?
		(Yes/No)		
EC Pigments USA (Proponent) Jim DeLisi, 908-322-8440	01/31/2008	No	No	No
BASF, Functional Polymers Business Group Cenan Ozmeral, Fax: 704-587-7903	01/31/2008	No	No	No
Bayer Corporation Karen L. Niedermeyer, Fax: 412-777-4740	01/31/2008	No	No	No
Ciba Specialty Chemicals John Deming, Fax: 302-479-5152	01/31/2008	No	No	No
ColorChem Steve Printz, Fax: 770-993-4780	01/31/2008	No	No	No
Color Resources International Inc. Wayne Jones, Fax: 864-862-6824	01/31/2008	No	No	No
CPMA Larry Robinson, Fax: 703-684-1795	01/31/2008	No	No	No
Day-Glo Richard Thornton, Fax: 216-391-1408	01/31/2008	No	No	No
DyStar L.P. Van Hawkins, Fax: 704-561-3005	01/31/2008	No	No	No
ETAD Tucker Helms, Fax: 202-296-8120	01/31/2008	No	No	No
Everlight USA, Inc. Scott Chen, Fax: 704-588-0051	01/31/2008	No	No	No
Fujifilm Imaging Colorants, Inc. Mike Gill, Fax: 202-628-5116	01/31/2008	No	No	No
Lanxess Corporation Seth Tomei, Fax: 412-809-3614	01/31/2008	No	No	No
Milliken Ray Sanders, Fax: 864-503-1618	01/31/2008	No	No	No
NFC John Dickson, Fax: 803-548-2683	01/31/2008	No	No	No
Passaic Color John Wojciechowski	01/31/2008	No	No	No
Rohm & Haas Steven Volger, Fax: 215-592-2550	01/31/2008	No	No	No
United Color Tom Nowakowski, Fax: 215-860-8560	01/31/2008	No	No	No

Technical comments:⁴ None.

⁴ 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. 4548

To extend the temporary suspension of duty on Basic Blue 7.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 13, 2007

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

A BILL

To extend the temporary suspension of duty on Basic Blue
7.

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. BASIC BLUE 7.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Heading 9902.23.61 of the Har-
5 monized Tariff Schedule of the United States is amended
6 by striking “12/31/2009” and inserting “12/31/2011”.

7 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
8 subsection (a) applies with respect to goods entered, or
9 withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after
10 the 15th day after the date of the enactment of this Act.