

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

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

[Date approved: May 16, 2008]²

Bill No. and sponsor: H.R. 4624 (Mr. Phil English of Pennsylvania).

Proponent name,³ location: BASF Corp., Florham Park, NJ.

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)):

1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene (CAS No. 120-82-1) (provided for in subheading 2903.69.10).

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 to produce an agricultural intermediate, which is further processed into a herbicide that is primarily used against broadleaf weeds in corn and turf grasses. It is imported from China, Germany, India, and Mexico.⁴

Estimated effect on customs revenue:

HTS subheading: 2903.69.10					
Col. 1-General rate of duty	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Col. 1-General rate of duty	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$6,000,000	\$6,000,000	\$6,000,000	\$6,000,000	\$6,000,000
Customs revenue loss 1/	\$0	\$330,000	\$330,000	\$330,000	\$330,000

1/ There is an existing duty suspension under HTS heading 9902.22.33 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.

¹ Industry analyst preparing report: L. Johnson (202-205-3351); Tariff Affairs contact: D. 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.

⁴ Imports of the subject product from Mexico may be eligible for duty-free access to the U.S. market under NAFTA.

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)		
BASF Corp.(Proponent) Greg Thies, Fax: 202-558-5101	03/25/2008	No	No	No
Arkema Charles A. Kitchen, Fax: 215-419-7075	03/25/2008	No	No	No
Bayer CropScience William H. Hensley, 202-756-3781	03/25/2008	No	No	No
Chemtura Corporation Matt Mattingley, Fax: 202-463-8498	03/25/2008	No	No	No
CropLife America Isi Siddiqui, Fax: 202-463-0474	03/25/2008	No	No	No
Dow Chemical Max Turnipseed, Fax: 225-383-0590 Lisa Schroeter, Fax: 202-429-3467	03/25/2008	No	No	No
DuPont Elaine Olsen, Fax: 302-355-2994	03/25/2008	No	No	No
Emerald Performance Chemicals Tom Dirmyer, Fax: 330-315-6480	03/25/2008	No	No	No
FMC Jerry Prout, Fax: 202-956-5235	03/25/2008	No	No	No
Gowan Company Cindy Baker, Fax: 928-373-1822 George L. Rolofson, Fax: 336-854-2772	03/25/2008	No	No	No
Monsanto Corp. Grant Erdel, Fax: 202-789-1867	03/25/2008	No	No	No
Nufarm Limited Joel R. Junker, Fax: 206-621-8220	03/25/2008	No	No	No
Syngenta Crop Protection, Inc. Angus Kelly, Fax: 336-632-6084	03/25/2008	No	No	No
Valent USA Robin Demouth, Fax: 925-256-2776	03/25/2008	No	No	No

Technical comments:⁵

None.

⁵ 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. 4624

To extend the temporary suspension of duty on Trichlorobenzene.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 13, 2007

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

A BILL

To extend the temporary suspension of duty on
Trichlorobenzene.

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. TRICHLOROBENZENE.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Heading 9902.22.33 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.