

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: October 6, 2008]<sup>2</sup>

**Bill No. and sponsor:** H.R. 5380 (Mr. Henry Brown of South Carolina).

**Proponent name,<sup>3</sup> location:** Symrise Inc., Goose Creek, SC.

**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)):**

Methyl salicylate (CAS No. 119-36-8) (provided for in subheading 2918.23.20).

**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 primary raw material in the production of two specific sunscreen products. The product is imported from Germany.

**Estimated effect on customs revenue:**

| HTS subheading: <u>2918.23.20</u>       |             |             |             |             |             |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|   | 2009        | 2010        | 2011        | 2012        | 2013        |
| <del>Col. 1-General rate of duty</del>  |             |             |             |             |             |
| Col. 1-General rate of duty             | 6.5%        | 6.5%        | 6.5%        | 6.5%        | 6.5%        |
| Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports | \$7,412,625 | \$7,632,075 | \$7,861,037 | \$8,096,866 | \$8,339,771 |
| Customs revenue loss 1/                 | \$0         | \$496,085   | \$510,967   | \$526,296   | \$542,085   |

1/ There is an existing duty suspension under HTS heading 9902.24.47 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: Eric Land (202-205-3349); Tariff Affairs contact: David G. 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)                                     |                      |                   |
| Symrise, Inc. (Proponent)<br>Elizabeth Scharlat,<br>elizabeth.scharlat@symrise.com                        | 05/07/2008<br>05/12/2008 | No   | No                   | No                |
| Arkema<br>Charles Kitchen, charles.kitchen@arkema.com   | 05/12/2008               | No   | No                   | No                |
| BASF<br>Gregory Thies, gregory.thies@basf.com   | 05/12/2008               | No   | No                   | No                |
| Bayer Crop Science<br>Mike Gill, mgill@crowell.com<br>Karen Niedermeyer,<br>karen.niedermeyer.b@bayer.com | 05/12/2008               | No   | No                   | No                |
| Chemtura Corporation<br>Matt Mattingley, matt@mattingleygroup.com   | 05/12/2008               | No   | No                   | No                |
| ColorChem<br>Steven Printz, sjprintz@colorchem.com  | 05/12/2008               | No   | No                   | No                |
| CropLife America<br>Lawrence H. Norton, LNorton@wcsr.com  | 05/12/2008               | No   | No                   | No                |
| Dow AgroSciences<br>Max Turnipseed, mctint@att.net  | 05/12/2008               | No   | No                   | No                |
| DuPont<br>Helen McMahon,<br>Helen.C.McMahon@USA.dupont.com  | 05/12/2008               | No   | No                   | No                |
| Fanwood Chemical<br>Jim DeLisi, jdelisi@fanwoodchemical.com   | 05/12/2008               | No   | No                   | No                |
| Firmenich, Inc.<br>Laura Heybur, Fax: 609-452-8063  | 05/12/2008               | No   | No                   | No                |
| FMC Corp.<br>Jerry Prout, jerry_prout@fmc.com   | 05/12/2008               | No   | No                   | No                |
| Givaudan Fragrances<br>Diane Koenig, Fax: 973-448-6624  | 05/12/2008               | No   | No                   | No                |
| International Flavors and Fragrances<br>Tom Kinlin, Fax: 732-335-2244                                     | 05/12/2008               | No   | No                   | No                |
| Koch Industries<br>Ron Osman, Fax: 361-242-8353   | 05/12/2008               | No   | No                   | No                |

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|  |                | (Yes/No)                                     |                      |                   |
| LANXESS<br>Jamie Schaeffer, jamie.schaeffer@lanxess.com    | 05/12/2008     | No   | No                   | No                |
| Penta Manufacturing Co.<br>George Volpe, Fax: 973-740-1839 | 05/12/2008     | No   | No                   | No                |
| Valent USA<br>Robin Demouth, Robin.Demouth@valent.com      | 05/12/2008     | 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.

110<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 5380

To extend the temporary suspension of duty on Methyl Salicylate.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 12, 2008

Mr. BROWN of South Carolina introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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## A BILL

To extend the temporary suspension of duty on Methyl Salicylate.

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. METHYL SALICYLATE.**

4       (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Heading 9902.24.47 of the Har-  
5       monized Tariff Schedule of the United States (relating to  
6       Methyl Salicylate) is amended by striking the date in the  
7       effective period column and inserting “12/31/2011”.

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 the enactment of this Act.

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