

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

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

[Date approved: May 5, 2008]²

Bill No. and sponsor: H.R. 4359 (Mr. Joe Wilson of South Carolina).

Proponent name,³ location: Clariant Corp., Charlotte, NC.

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)):

Reduced vat blue 43 (CAS No. 85737-02-6) (provided for in subheading 3204.15.40).

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 dye that is used in the textiles industry to color cotton fabrics, primarily denim. Reduced vat blue dyes are reduced with alkali to increase water solubility and affinity for textile fibers. The product is imported from China.

Estimated effect on customs revenue:

HTS subheading: 3204.15.40					
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
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	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
Customs revenue loss 1/	\$0	\$32,500	\$32,500	\$32,500	\$32,500

1/ There is an existing duty suspension under HTS heading 9902.03.04 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: 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.

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)		
Clariant Corp. (Proponent) Andrew Zamoyski, 202-415-9159	02/12/2008	No	No	No
Abbott Elaine Leavenworth, Fax: 202-783-6631	02/12/2008	No	No	No
American Chemistry Council Jim O'Connor, Fax: 703-741-6922	02/12/2008	No	No	No
BASF, Functional Polymers Group Joseph Breunig, Fax: 973-245-6721	02/12/2008	No	No	No
Bayer Corporation Karen L. Niedermeyer, Fax: 412-777-4740	02/12/2008	No	No	No
Biddle Sawyer William Thonack, Fax: 212-239-1089	02/12/2008	No	No	No
Ciba Specialty Chemicals Bob Hurley, Rhurley@theaccordgroup.com	03/11/2008	No	No	No
CMPA Larry Robinson, Fax: 703-684-1795	02/12/2008	No	No	No
ColorChem Steve Printz, Fax: 770-993-4780	02/12/2008	No	No	No
Color Resources International Inc. Wayne Jones, Fax: 864-862-6824	02/12/2008	No	No	No
Day-Glo Richard Thornton, Fax: 216-391-1408	02/12/2008	No	No	No
DuPont Helen McMahon, Fax: 302-355-2994	02/12/2008	No	No	No
DyStar L.P. Van Hawkins, Fax: 704-561-3005	02/12/2008	No	No	No
Eastman Chemical Company Greg Riddle, Fax: 703-524-7707	02/12/2008	No	No	No
ETAD Tucker Helms, Fax: 202-296-8120	02/12/2008	No	No	No
Everlight USA, Inc. Scott Chen, Fax: 704-588-0051	02/12/2008	No	No	No
Fanwood Chemical Jim DeLisi, Fax: 908-322-8494	02/12/2008	No	No	No
Honeywell International Art Simonetti, Fax: 202-662-2675	02/12/2008	No	No	No

Name of firm/organization	Date contacted	Claim US makes same or competing product(s)?	Submission attached?	Opposition noted?
			(Yes/No)	
LANXESS Corporation Jamie B. Schaeffer, Fax: 412-809-3614	02/12/2008	No	No	No
Milliken Ray Sanders, Fax: 864-503-1618	02/12/2008	No	No	No
Monsanto Corporation Grant Erdal, Fax: 202-789-1867	02/12/2008	No	No	No
NFC John Dickson, Fax: 803-548-2683	02/12/2008	No	No	No
Noveon Tom Dirmyer, Fax: 216-447-5720	02/12/2008	No	No	No
Passaic Color John Wojciechowski, Fax: 973-279-3175	02/12/2008	No	No	No
Rhodia Dominick Cangiana, Fax: 609-860-2256	02/12/2008	No	No	No
Rohm & Haas Steven Volger, Fax: 215-592-2550	02/12/2008	No	No	No
Solutia Dan Jenkins, Fax: 314-674-1585	02/12/2008	No	No	No
Syngenta Dawn Stump, Fax: 202-347-7772	02/12/2008	No	No	No
Uniroyal Chemical Company Lloyd Moon, Fax: 203-573-4430	02/12/2008	No	No	No
United Color Manufacturing, Inc. Tom Nowakowski, Fax: 215-860-8560	02/12/2008	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. 4359

To extend the temporary suspension of duty on Reduced Vat Blue 43.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 11, 2007

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

A BILL

To extend the temporary suspension of duty on Reduced Vat Blue 43.

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. REDUCED VAT BLUE 43.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Heading 9902.03.04 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.