

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. 4424 (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)):**

2,2-(2,5-Thiophenediyl)bis(5-(1,1-dimethylethyl)benzoxazole) (CAS No. 7128-64-5) (provided for in subheading 3204.20.80).

**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 a fluorescent whitening agent that is used in plastics, paints, and inks. The subject product is imported from India.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Industry analyst preparing report: Stephen Wanser (202-205-3363); 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.

<sup>4</sup> The subject product entering from India already enters the United States duty-free under the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP).

**Estimated effect on customs revenue:**

<b>HTS subheading: 3204.20.80</b>					
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Col. 1-General rate of duty (AVE)	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Customs revenue loss 1/	\$0	\$65,000	\$65,000	\$65,000	\$65,000

1/ There is an existing duty suspension under HTS heading 9902.24.77 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):**

Name of firm/organization	Date contacted	Claims US makes same or competing product(s)?	Submission attached?	Opposition noted?
		(Yes/No)		
Ciba Specialty Chemicals (Proponent) Michelle Forte, 914-785-2483 Robert Hurley, 202-289-3588	01/20/2008	No	No	No
BASF Greg Thies, Fax: 703-255-7142 Phil Webb, Fax: 704-398-4399	01/20/2008	No	No	No
Bayer Corporation Karen Niedermeyer, 412-777-2058	01/20/2008	No	No	No
Clariant Corporation Nick Altman, 704-822-2701 Andy Zamoyski, 202-415-9159	01/20/2008	No	No	No
Day-Glo Corporation Richard Thornton, 216-391-7070	01/20/2008	No	No	No
Dystar L.P. Ron Pedemonte, 704-561-2651	01/20/2008	No	No	No
ETAD Tucker Helms, 202-721-4154	01/20/2008	No	No	No
Everlight, USA, Inc. Scott Chen, 704-558-1004	01/20/2008	No	No	No
Fanwood Chemical Inc. V.M. (Jim) DeLisi, 908-322-8440	01/20/2008	No	No	No

Name of firm/organization	Date contacted	Claims US makes same or competing product(s)?	Submission attached?	Opposition noted?
		(Yes/No)		
FujiFilm Imaging Colorants Inc. (Avecia) Michael Gill, 202-508-8843 Pat McGlinchey, Fax: 302-447-8103	01/20/2008	No	No	No
Huntsman International LLC John Deming, 302-479-5499	01/20/2008	No	No	No
Milliken Industries Ray Saunders, 864-503-1618	01/20/2008	No	No	No
Nations Ford Chemical John Dickson, 803-548-3210	01/20/2008	No	No	No
Passaic Color John Wojciechowski, 973-279-0400	01/20/2008	No	No	No
Rohm & Haas Geoff Hurwitz, 703-741-5881	01/20/2008	No	No	No
Sensient Color Inc. Dan Victor, 314-286-7167 Ken Goldacker, Fax: 314-658-7318	01/20/2008	No	No	No

**Technical comments:<sup>5</sup>**

None.

<sup>5</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. 4424

To extend the suspension of duty on 2,2-(2,5-Thiophenediyl)bis(5-(1,1-dimethylethyl) benzoxazole).

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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 2,2-(2,5-Thiophenediyl)bis(5-(1,1-dimethylethyl) benzoxazole).

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. 2,2-(2,5-THIOPHENEDIYL)BIS(5-(1,1-**  
4 **DIMETHYLETHYL) BENZOAZOLE).**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Heading 9902.24.77 of the Har-  
6 monized Tariff Schedule of the United States (relating to  
7 2,2-(2,5-Thiophenediyl)bis(5-(1,1-dimethylethyl)  
8 benzoxazole)) is amended by striking the date in the effec-  
9 tive 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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