

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

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

[Date approved: June 2, 2008]²

Bill No. and sponsor: H.R. 4655 (Mr. Pete Hoekstra of Michigan).

Proponent name,³ location: ESCO Company, Muskegon, MI.

Other bills on product (110th Congress only): None.

Nature of bill: Temporary duty suspension through December 31, 2011.

Retroactive effect: None.

Suggested article description(s) for enactment (including appropriate HTS subheading(s)):

4'-Methoxy-2,2', 4-trimethyldiphenylamine (CAS No. 41374-20-3) (provided for in subheading 2922.29.61).

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 in the production of black color formers. Paper manufacturers use color formers to produce thermal and carbonless paper for a variety of receipts, labels, tickets, tags, and multi-part forms. The product is imported from Japan and China.

Estimated effect on customs revenue:

HTS subheading: 2922.29.61					
	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	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
Customs revenue loss	\$130,000	\$130,000	\$130,000	\$130,000	\$130,000

Source of estimated dutiable import data: Commission estimate based on Official U.S. Government statistics.

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)	
ESCO Company (Proponent) Bruce Rice, 231-726-3106	02/21/2008	No	No	No
Arkema Charles Kitchen, Fax: 215-419-7075	02/21/2008	No	No	No
Bayer Mike Gill, 202-508-8843	02/21/2008	No	No	No
BASF Corp. Greg Thies, 202-904-2332	02/21/2008	No	No	No
Carey Industries, Inc. Raymond J. Carey, Fax: 203-791-2762	02/21/2008	No	No	No
Ciba Specialty Chemicals Corp. Michelle Forte, Fax: 914-785-4831	02/21/2008	No	No	No
Clariant Corp. Ken Golder, Fax: 704-377-1063	02/21/2008	No	No	No
CPMA Larry Robinson, Fax: 703-684-1795	02/21/2008	No	No	No
Color Resources Int'l. Inc. Wayne Jones, Fax: 864-862-6824	02/21/2008	No	No	No
Colorants & Textile Leather Chemicals Michael Strumpp, Fax: 973-426-3542	02/21/2008	No	No	No
ColorChem Steve Printz, Fax: 770-993-4780	02/21/2008	No	No	No
Day-Glo Richard Thornton, Fax: 216-391-1408	02/21/2008	No	No	No
DyStar L.P. Van Hawkins, Fax: 704-561-3005	02/21/2008	No	No	No
ETAD Tucker Helms, Fax: 202-296-8120	02/21/2008	No	No	No
Everlight USA, Inc. Scott Chen, Fax: 704-588-0051	02/21/2008	No	No	No
Fanwood Chemical, Inc. Jim DeLisi, Fax: 908-322-8494	02/21/2008	No	No	No
Milliken Ray Sanders, Fax: 864-503-1618	02/21/2008	No	No	No
Monsanto Corp. Linda Strachan, Fax: 202-783-2467	02/21/2008	No	No	No
NFC John Dickson, Fax: 803-548-2683	02/21/2008	No	No	No

Name of firm/organization	Date contacted	Claim US makes same or competing product(s)?	Submission attached?	Opposition noted?
		(Yes/No)		
Noveon Tom Dirmeyer, Fax: 512-841-4841	02/21/2008	No	No	No
Noviant Paul Schmidt, Fax: 512-841-4841	02/21/2008	No	No	No
Passaic Color John Wojciechowski, Fax: 973-279-3175	02/21/2008	No	No	No
Rohm & Haas Steven Volger, Fax: 215-592-2550	02/21/2008	No	No	No
Roma Color, Inc. Andrew Blum, Fax: 508-676-9011	02/21/2008	No	No	No
Sensient Technical Colors Dan Victor, Fax: 610-582-6663	02/21/2008	No	No	No
United Color Co. Tom Nowakowski, Fax: 215-860-8560	02/21/2008	No	No	No
Yorkshire Americas, Inc. Allen Hughes, Fax: 704-376-3091	02/21/2008	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. 4655

To suspend temporarily the duty on DMDPA.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 13, 2007

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

A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on DMDPA.

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. DMDPA.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 99 of
5 the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States is
6 amended by inserting in numerical sequence the following
7 new heading:

“	9902.	4'-Methoxy-2,2',4-trimethyl diphenylamine (CAS No. 41374-20-3) (provided for in subheading 2922.29.61) ..	Free	No change	No change	On or before 12/31/2011	”.
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8 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
9 subsection (a) applies to articles entered, or withdrawn

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- 1 from warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day
- 2 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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