

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

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

[Date approved: June 10, 2008]²

Bill No. and sponsor: H.R. 4672 (Mr. James R. Langevin of Rhode Island).

Proponent name,³ location: Clariant Corporation, Coventry, RI.

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)):

Acid Blue 80 (CAS No. 4474-24-2) (provided for in subheading 3204.12.50).

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 dye that is used in detergent and textile applications. It is extremely lightfast and pH resistant, and offers a very clean shade of blue. It is imported from Switzerland.

Estimated effect on customs revenue:

HTS subheading: 3204.12.50					
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Col. 1-General rate of duty	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$1,250,000	\$1,250,000	\$1,250,000	\$1,250,000	\$1,250,000
Customs revenue loss 1/	\$0	\$81,250	\$81,250	\$81,250	\$81,250

1/ There is an existing duty suspension under HTS heading 9902.12.49 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	US production of same or competitive product claimed?	Submission attached?	Opposition noted?
Clariant Corporation (Proponent) Andrew Zamoyski, 202-415-9159	03/01/2008	No	No	No
Apollo Color, Inc. Dave Klebine, 815-722-3965	03/01/2008	No	No	No
BASF Corp. Greg Thies, 202-558-5101	03/01/2008	No	No	No
CDR Pigments & Dispersions Craig Foster, 270-737-0318	03/01/2008	No	No	No
Ciba Specialty Chemical Corp. Michelle Forte, 914-785-4831	03/01/2008	No	No	No
E.C. Pigments Andrew Blum, 508-676-9011	03/01/2008	No	No	No
Fanwood Chemical Co. Jim DeLisi, 908-322-8440	03/01/2008	No	No	No
Galaxie Chemical Corp. Richard Caldwell, 973-279-0558	03/01/2008	No	No	No
Mason Color Works, Inc. Carol Mason Cronin, 330-385-4400	03/01/2008	No	No	No
Nation Ford Chemical Co. John Dickson, 803-548-2683	03/01/2008	No	No	No
PMC Inc. Zetta Bouligaraki, 513-482-7373	03/01/2008	No	No	No
Sun Chemical Corp. Ed Faulkner, 513-681-5950	03/01/2008	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. 4672

To extend the temporary suspension of duty on Acid Blue 80.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 13, 2007

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

A BILL

To extend the temporary suspension of duty on Acid Blue
80.

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. ACID BLUE 80.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Heading 9902.12.49 of the Har-
5 monized Tariff Schedule of the United States (relating to
6 Acid Blue 80) is amended by striking “12/31/2009” and
7 inserting “12/31/2011”.

8 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
9 subsection (a) applies to goods entered, or withdrawn from

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

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