

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

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

[Date approved: June 13, 2008]²

Bill No. and sponsor: H.R. 4962 (Mrs. Sue Myrick of North Carolina).

Proponent name,³ location: Huntsman International LLC, Salt Lake City, UT.

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)):

Vat Black 25 (CAS No. 4395-53-3) (provided for in subheading 3204.15.80).

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 synthetic organic chemical that is used in camouflage prints for military fabrics.
The subject product is imported from Switzerland.

Estimated effect on customs revenue:

HTS subheading: 3204.15.80					
 	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	\$1,000,000	\$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 9902.24.45 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.

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 identified one additional beneficiary of this bill. USITC staff sent an inquiry to the named beneficiary and received no response.

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)	
Huntsman International LLC (Proponent) John Deming, Johndeming@aol.com	04/04/2008	No	No	No
Arkema Charles Kitchen, Fax: 215-419-7075	04/04/2008	No	No	No
BASF Corp. Greg Thies, 202-904-2332	04/04/2008	No	No	No
Bayer Mike Gill, 202-508-8843	04/04/2008	No	No	No
Carey Industries, Inc. Raymond J. Carey, Fax: 203-791-2762	04/04/2008	No	No	No
Ciba Specialty Chemicals Corp. Michelle Forte, Fax: 914-785-4831	04/04/2008	No	No	No
Clariant Corp. Andrew Zamoyski, 202-415-9159	04/04/2008	No	No	No
Color Resources Int'l. Inc. Wayne Jones, Fax: 864-862-6824	04/04/2008	No	No	No
Colorants & Textile Leather Chemicals Michael Strumpp, Fax: 973-426-3542	04/04/2008	No	No	No
ColorChem Steve Printz, Fax: 770-993-4780	04/04/2008	No	No	No
CPMA Larry Robinson, Fax: 703-684-1795	04/04/2008	No	No	No
Day-Glo Richard Thornton, Fax: 216-391-1408	04/04/2008	No	No	No
DyStar L.P. Van Hawkins, Fax: 704-561-3005	04/04/2008	No	No	No
ESCO Company Bruce Rice, 231-726-3106	04/04/2008	No	No	No
ETAD Tucker Helms, Fax: 202-296-8120	04/04/2008	No	No	No
Everlight USA, Inc. Scott Chen, Fax: 704-588-0051	04/04/2008	No	No	No
Fanwood Chemical, Inc. Jim DeLisi, Fax: 908-322-8494	04/04/2008	No	No	No
Milliken Ray Sanders, Fax: 864-503-1618	04/04/2008	No	No	No
Monsanto Corp. Linda Strachan, Fax: 202-783-2467	04/04/2008	No	No	No

Name of firm/organization	Date contacted	Claim US makes same or competing product(s)?	Submission attached?	Opposition noted?
		(Yes/No)		
NFC John Dickson, Fax: 803-548-2683	04/04/2008	No	No	No
Noveon Tom Dirmeyer, Fax: 512-841-4841	04/04/2008	No	No	No
Noviant Paul Schmidt, Fax: 512-841-4841	04/04/2008	No	No	No
Passaic Color John Wojciechowski, Fax: 973-279-3175	04/04/2008	No	No	No
Rohm & Haas Steven Volger, Fax: 215-592-2550	04/04/2008	No	No	No
Roma Color, Inc. Andrew Blum, Fax: 508-676-9011	04/04/2008	No	No	No
Sensient Technical Colors Dan Victor, Fax: 610-582-6663	04/04/2008	No	No	No
United Color Co. Tom Nowakowski, Fax: 215-860-8560	04/04/2008	No	No	No
Yorkshire Americas, Inc. Allen Hughes, Fax: 704-376-3091	04/04/2008	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
2D SESSION

H. R. 4962

To extend the temporary suspension of duty on Vat Black 25.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 15, 2008

Mrs. MYRICK introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

To extend the temporary suspension of duty on Vat Black
25.

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. VAT BLACK 25.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Heading 9902.24.45 of the Har-
5 monized Tariff Schedule of the United States (relating to
6 Vat Black 25) 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

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

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