

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20436

**MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION  
of the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress<sup>1</sup>**

[Date approved: October 6, 2005]<sup>2</sup>

**Bill No. and sponsor:** H.R. 1781 (Mr. William L. Jenkins of Tennessee).

**Proponent name, location:** Eastman Chemical Corp.  
Kingsport, TN 37664

**Other bills on product (109<sup>th</sup> Congress only):** None.

**Nature of bill:** Temporary duty suspension through December 31, 2008.

**Retroactive effect:** None.

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

1,4-Benzoquinone (CAS No. 106-51-4) (provided for in subheading 2914.69.90).

**Check one:**      Same as that in bill as introduced  
                   Different from that in bill as introduced (explain differences in Technical  
                  comments section)


**Product information, including uses/applications and source(s) of imports:**

1,4-Benzoquinone is a synthetic organic chemical that is primarily resold by the importer to producers of dyes, fungicides, and chemical producers using processes that require oxidizing agents. This chemical intermediate is a stable, slightly soluble yellow-green crystalline solid. It may also be used as a polymerization inhibitor, and for stabilizing unsaturated polyesters during processing, shipping, and storage. Eastman Chemical imports 1,4-benzoquinone from China.

<sup>1</sup> Industry analyst preparing report: Eric Land (202-205-3349); Tariff Affairs contact: Dave Michels (202-205-3440).

<sup>2</sup> Access to an electronic copy of this memorandum is available at [www.usitc.gov/tata/hts/other/rel\\_doc/bill\\_reports/index.htm](http://www.usitc.gov/tata/hts/other/rel_doc/bill_reports/index.htm).

**Estimated effect on customs revenue:**

<b>HTS subheading: 2914.69.90</b>					
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Col. 1-General rate of duty	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$420,000	\$420,000	\$420,000	\$420,000	\$420,000
Customs revenue loss	\$23,100	\$23,100	\$23,100	\$23,100	\$23,100

Source of estimated dutiable import data: Industry estimates.

**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?
Eastman Chemical Co. (Proponent) Jorge San Pedro (703)524-7653	6/22/2005	No	No	No
Allegheny Color Corp. Marv Gallisdorfer (814)772-1559	6/8/2005	No	No	No
Apollo Color, Inc. Patty Hines (815)741-2599	6/8/2005	No	No	No
AtoFina Cerexagri Charles Kitchin (703)527-2092	6/8/2005	No	No	No
Aventis Jean Reimers (202)628-6622	6/8/2005	No	No	No
BASF Corp. Phil Webb (704)398-4399	6/28/2005	No	No	No
BASF Corp. Greg Theis (202)682-9459	6/28/2005	No	No	No
BASF, Funct. Polymers Bus. Group Joseph C. Breunig (704)587-7903	6/28/2005	No	No	No

Bayer Corporation William Hensley (202)628-6622	6/28/2005	No	No	No
Bayer Corporation Karen Neidermeyer (412)777-7743	6/28/2005	No	No	No
BF Goodrich Paul J. Schmidt (513)841-4841	6/28/2005	No	No	No
Blackman Uhler Peter Starnes (864)596-1501	6/28/2005	No	No	No
Carey Industries, Inc. Raymond J. Carey (203)791-2762	6/28/2005	No	No	No
Ciba Specialty Chemicals Corp. John Deming (410)715-4552	6/28/2005	No	No	No
Ciba Specialty Chemicals Corp. Michelle Forte (914)785-4831	6/28/2005	No	No	No
Clariant Corp. Andrew Zamoyski (401)823-2575	6/28/2005	No	No	No
Clariant Corp. Ken Golder (704)377-1063	6/28/2005	No	No	No
CPMA Larry Robinson (703)684-1795	6/28/2005	No	No	No
Color Resources Int'l. Inc. Wayne Jones (864)862-6824	6/28/2005	No	No	No
Colorants & Textile Leather Chemicals Michael Strumpp (973)426-3542	6/28/2005	No	No	No
ColorChem Steve Printz (770)993-4780	6/28/2005	No	No	No
Crop Life America Lawrence Norton (202)463-0474	6/28/2005	No	No	No
Daicolor-Pope, Inc. Norman Russo (973)279-1256	6/28/2005	No	No	No
Day-Glo Richard Thornton (216)391-1408	6/28/2005	No	No	No
Dow Agro Science Margaret Rogers (202)429-3467	6/28/2005	No	No	No

DyStar L.P. Van Hawkins (704)561-3005	6/28/2005	No	No	No
E.I. duPont Elaine Olson (302)992-2263	6/28/2005	No	No	No
E.I. DuPont Nancy Johnson (202)728-3649	6/28/2005	No	No	No
Engelhard Corp. Rolan Valin (732)321-0250	6/28/2005	No	No	No
ETAD Tucker Helms (202)296-8120	6/28/2005	No	No	No
Everlight USA, Inc. Scott Chen (704)588-0051	6/28/2005	No	No	No
Fabricolor Manuf. Corp. James A. Silver (973)742-0311	6/28/2005	No	No	No
Fanwood Chemical, Inc. Jim DeLisi (908)322-8494	6/28/2005	No	No	No
FMC Corp. Jerry Prout (202)956-5235	6/28/2005	No	No	No
Galaxie Chemical Corp. Michael Santoro, Jr. (973)790-7104	6/28/2005	No	No	No
Griffin Corp. James Whatley (800)248-5154	6/28/2005	No	No	No
Magruder Color Co., Inc. Joel Weissglass (973)642-3532	6/28/2005	No	No	No
Mason Color Works, Inc. Carol Mason Cronin (330)385-4488	6/28/2005	No	No	No
Max Marx Color Corp. Tom Doty (973)373-9301	6/28/2005	No	No	No
Milliken Ray Sanders (864)503-1618	6/28/2005	No	No	No
Monsanto Corp. Linda Strachan (202)783-2467	6/28/2005	No	No	No
Nat'l. Paint & Coatings Assn. Bob Branard (202)546-3959	6/28/2005	No	No	No

NFC John Dickson (803)548-2683	6/28/2005	No	No	No
Noviant Paul Schmidt (512)841-4841	6/28/2005	No	No	No
Passaic Color John Wojciechowski (973)279-3175	6/28/2005	No	No	No
PMC Inc. Gordon McCollough (513)482-7884	6/28/2005	No	No	No
Rohm & Haas Steven Volger (215)592-2550	6/28/2005	No	No	No
Roma Color, Inc. Andrew Blum (508)676-9011	6/28/2005	No	No	No
Sensient Technical Colors Dan Victor (610)582-6663	6/28/2005	No	No	No
Sun Chemical Ed Faulkner (513)632-1531	6/28/2005	No	No	No
Syngenta Mike Blythe (336)632-6084	6/28/2005	No	No	No
Uhlich Color Co. Abdul Saleh (520)577-0038	6/28/2005	No	No	No
Uhlich Color Co. Tom Nowakowski (215)860-8560	6/28/2005	No	No	No
Valent USA Robin Demouth (925)256-2776	6/28/2005	No	No	No
Yorkshire Americas, Inc. Allen Hughes (704)376-3091	6/28/2005	No	No	No

**Technical comments:**<sup>3</sup> None.

<sup>3</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.

109TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 1781

To suspend temporarily the duty on para-Benzoquinone.

---

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 21, 2005

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

---

## A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on para-Benzoquinone.

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. PARA-BENZOQUINONE.**

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:

“	9902.04.51	1,4-Benzoquinone (CAS No. 106–51–4) (provided for in subheading 2914.69.90) .....	Free	No change	No change	On or before 12/31/2008	”.
---	------------	---	------	-----------	-----------	-------------------------	----

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

2

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

○