

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

**MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION
of the 109th Congress¹**

[Date approved: June 9, 2006]²

Bill No. and sponsor: S. 1655 (Mr. James M. Talent of Missouri).

Proponent name, location: BASF Corporation, Hannibal MO.

Other bills on product (109th 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)):

3,7-Dichloroquinoline-8-carboxylic acid (Quinclorac technical) (CAS No. 84087-01-4) (provided for in subheading 2933.49.30).

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 herbicide that is used to control weeds in turf grass and rice. The subject product is imported from Korea.

Estimated effect on customs revenue:

HTS subheading: <u>2933.49.30</u>					
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Col. 1-General rate of duty	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$7,400,000	\$7,400,000	\$7,400,000	\$7,400,000	\$7,400,000
Customs revenue loss 1/	\$481,000	\$481,000	\$481,000	\$481,000	\$481,000

1/ A portion of the estimated Customs revenue loss data for 2006 reflects the existing duty reduction under HTS heading 9902.05.09, which reduces the general duty from 6.5 percent ad valorem to 3.3 percent ad valorem, a reduction of 3.2 percent. Heading 9902.05.09 expires on December 31, 2006. Source of estimated dutiable import data: Industry estimates.

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² Access to an electronic copy of this memorandum is available at http://usitc.gov/tata/hts/other/rel_doc/bill_reports/index.htm.

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)		
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Crop Life America Lawrence Norton, Fax: 202-463-0474	03/12/2006	No	No	No
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Technical comments:³

The Commission suggests that the article description on page 1 of this report be used in the proposed heading in order to include the chemical name for this product, and to place the industry name in parentheses. The Commission notes that there is an existing temporary duty reduction for Quinclorac technical under heading 9902.05.09 that expires on December 31, 2006. The Commission suggests that existing heading 9902.05.09 be deleted and that that heading number be used for the new duty suspension.

³ 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

S. 1655

To suspend temporarily the duty on quinclorac technical.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 12, 2005

Mr. TALENT introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on quinclorac technical.

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. QUINCLORAC TECHNICAL.**

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:

“	9902.06.03	Quinclorac technical (CAS No. 84087-01-4) (provided for in subheading 2933.49.30)	Free	No change	No change	On or before 12/31/2008	”.
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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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