

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. 1675 (Mr. Rick Santorum of Pennsylvania).

Proponent name, location: LANXESS Corporation, Pittsburgh, PA.

Other bills on product (109th Congress only): None.

Nature of bill: Temporary duty suspension through December 31, 2009.

Retroactive effect: None.

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

2,3-Dichloronitrobenzene (CAS No. 3209-22-1) (provided for in subheading 2904.90.47).

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 intermediate that is used to manufacture agricultural chemicals, one of which is the fungicide pentachloronitrobenzene (PCNB). The subject product is imported from Germany.

Estimated effect on customs revenue:

HTS subheading: <u>2904.90.47</u>					
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Col. 1-General rate of duty					
Col. 1-General rate of duty	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$582,000	\$582,000	\$582,000	\$582,000	\$582,000
Customs revenue loss	\$32,010	\$32,010	\$32,010	\$32,010	\$32,010

Source of estimated dutiable import data: Industry estimates.

¹ Industry analyst preparing report: Stephen Wanser (202-205-3363); Tariff Affairs contact: David Michels (202-205-3440).

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)		
LANXESS Corporation (Proponent) James Schaeffer, Fax: 412-809-3614	03/12/2006	No	No	No
Arkema Inc. (Atofina) Charles Kitchin, Fax: 703-527-2092	03/12/2006	No	No	No
BASF Corp. Greg Thies, Fax: 202-558-5101	03/12/2006	No	No	No
Bayer CropScience Mike Gill, 202-508-8843	03/12/2006	No	No	No
Crop Life America Lawrence Norton, Fax: 202-463-0474	03/12/2006	No	No	No
Dow Chemical/Dow AgroScience Max Turnipseed 225-338-0310	03/12/2006	No	No	No
DuPont Nancy Johnson, Fax: 202-728-3649	03/12/2006	No	No	No
FMC Corp. Jerry Prout, Fax: 202-956-5235	03/12/2006	No	No	No
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Technical comments:³

None.

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. 1675

To suspend temporarily the duty on 2,3-Dichloronitrobenzene.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 12, 2005

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

A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on 2,3-Dichloronitrobenzene.

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. SUSPENSION OF DUTY ON 2,3-**
4 **DICHLORONITROBENZENE.**

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

“	9902.39.14	2,3-Dichloronitrobenzene (CAS No. 3209–22–1) (pro- vided for in subheading 2904.90.47)	Free	No change	No change	On or before 12/31/2009	”.
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1 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
2 subsection (a) applies to articles entered, or withdrawn
3 from warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day
4 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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