UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION Washington, DC 20436

MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION of the 109th Congress ¹

[Date approved: August 2, 2006]²

Bill No. and sponsor: S. 2622 (Mr. George V. Voinovich of Ohio and Mr. Mike DeWine of Ohio).

Proponent name, location: Noveon Inc., Cleveland, OH.

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

Nature of bill: Extension of existing temporary duty suspension through December 31, 2009.

Retroactive effect: None.

Article description (including appropriate HTS classification):

12-Hydroxyoctadecanoic acid, reaction product with *N*,*N*-dimethyl-1,3-propanediamine, dimethyl sulfate, quaternized (CAS No. 70879-66-2) (provided for in subheading 3824.90.40).

Check one:	\underline{X} Same as in the HTS heading in the bill as introduced.
	Different from the HTS heading in the bill (see Technical comments).

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

The subject chemical product is a proprietary polymeric pigment dispersing agent that is used in solvent-based offset (lithographic) and publication gravure inks. The subject chemical product is imported from the United Kingdom.

Estimated effect on customs revenue:

HTS subheading: <u>3824.90.40</u>										
$\bigg \backslash \bigg \backslash$	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010					
Col. 1-General rate of duty	4.6%	4.6%	4.6%	4.6%	4.6%					
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$440,000	\$540,000	\$540,000	\$570,000	\$600,000					
Customs revenue loss 1/	\$20,240	\$24,840	\$24,840	\$26,220	\$27,600					

^{1/} The estimated Customs revenue loss in 2006 results from the temporary duty suspension under HTS heading 9902.03.21 that expires on December 31, 2006.

Source of estimated dutiable import data: Industry estimates.

¹ Industry analyst preparing report: Robert Randall (202-205-3366); 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.

109TH CONGRESS 2D SESSION

S. 2622

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 24, 2006

Mr. Voinovich (for himself and Mr. DeWine) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

To extend the temporary suspension of duty on 12-Hydroxyoctadecanoic acid, reaction product with N,N-dimethyl-1,3-propanediamine, dimethyl sulfate, quaternized.

- 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. 12-HYDROXYOCTADECANOIC ACID, REACTION
- 4 PRODUCT WITH N,N-DIMETHYL-1,3-
- 5 PROPANEDIAMINE, DIMETHYL SULFATE,
- 6 **QUATERNIZED.**
- 7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Heading 9902.03.21 of the Har-
- 8 monized Tariff Schedule of the United States (relating to

- 1 12-Hydroxyoctadecanoic acid, reaction product with N,N-
- 2 dimethyl-1,3-propanediamine, dimethyl sulfate,
- 3 quaternized) is amended by striking "12/31/2006" and in-
- 4 serting "12/31/2009".
- 5 (b) Effective Date.—The amendment made by
- 6 subsection (a) applies to goods entered, or withdrawn from
- 7 warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after
- 8 the date of enactment of this Act.

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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)	
Noveon Inc. (Proponent) Gregory S. Harvey, 216-447-5916	6/1/2006	No	No	No
Allegheny Color Corp. Marvin Gallisdorfer, Fax: 814-772-1559	6/8/2006	No	No	No
Apollo Color, Inc. David Klebine, Fax: 815-741-2599	6/8/2006	No	No	No
BASF Phil Webb, Fax: 704-587-8252	6/8/2006	No	No	No
Blackman Uhler Jeter Starnes, Fax: 864-596-1501	6/8/2006	No	No	No
Ciba Specialty Chemicals John Deming, Fax: 302-479-5152	6/8/2006	No	No	No
Clariant Corp. Andrew Zamoyski, Fax: 202-248-9043	6/8/2006	No	No	No
CPMA Larry Robinson, Fax: 703-684-1795	6/8/2006	No	No	No
DuPont Helen McMahon, Fax: 302-355-2994	6/8/2006	No	No	No
Engelhard Corp. David Bushnell, Fax: 301-654-8336	6/8/2006	No	No	No
Fanwood Chemical, Inc. Jim DeLisi, Fax: 908-322-8494	6/8/2006	No	No	No
Galaxie Chemical Corp. Michael Santoro, Jr., Fax: 973-790-7104	6/8/2006	No	No	No
LANXESS Corp. Jamie Schaeffer, Fax: 412-809-3614	6/8/2006	No	No	No
Magruder Color Co., Inc. Evan Weissglass, Fax: 973-242-4087	6/8/2006	No	No	No
Mason Color Works, Inc. Ann Mason Herdmann, Fax: 330-385-4488	6/8/2006	No	No	No
National Paint & Coatings Assn. Robert Branand, Fax: 202-546-3959	6/8/2006	No	No	No
NFC John Dickson, Fax: 803-548-2683	6/8/2006	No	No	No

PMC Inc. Gordon McCullough, Fax: 513-483-7884	6/8/2006	No	No	No
Roma Color, Inc. Stuart E. Booth, Fax: 508-676-9011	6/8/2006	No	No	No
Sun Chemical Paul W. Klein, Fax: 513-681-3419	6/8/2006	No	No	No

Technical comments:³ None.

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.