

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 26, 2006]<sup>2</sup>

**Bill No. and sponsor:** S. 2734 (Mr. Jack Reed of Rhode Island and Mr. Lincoln Chafee of Rhode Island).

**Proponent name, location:** Clariant Corporation, Coventry, RI.

**Other bills on product (109<sup>th</sup> Congress only):** H.R. 3991.

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

**Retroactive effect:** None.

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

Pigment blue 80 (CAS No. 391663-82-4) (provided for in subheading 3204.17.60).

**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 pigment. The proponent states that pigment blue 80 is a red-shaded blue pigment, with high color-strength and high chroma, which meets the requirements for application in solvent-based automotive systems. The subject product is imported from Germany.

**Estimated effect on customs revenue:**

HTS subheading: <u>3204.17.60</u>					
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
<del>Col. 1-General rate of duty</del>	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$45,000	\$55,000	\$65,000	\$75,000	\$85,000
Customs revenue loss	\$2,925	\$3,575	\$4,225	\$4,875	\$5,525

Source of estimated dutiable import data: Industry estimates.

**Contacts with domestic firms/organizations (including the proponent):**

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

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

Name of firm/organization	Date contacted	Claim US makes same or competing product(s)?	Submission attached?	Opposition noted?
		(Yes/No)		
Clariant Corporation (Proponent) Andy Zamoyski, 401-823-2230	06/20/2006	No	No	No
Apollo Color, Inc. Tom Rogers, 815-722-3965	06/20/2006	No	No	No
BASF Corp. Phil Webb, 704-398-2588	06/20/2006	No	No	No
CDR Pigments & Dispersions Rucker Wickline, 270-737-1700	06/20/2006	No	No	No
Ciba Specialty Chemical Corp. John Demming, 302-479-5499	06/20/2006	No	No	No
Diacolor-Pope Bob Turkos, 973-279-2702	06/20/2006	No	No	No
Fanwood Chemical Co. Jim DeLisi, 908-322-8440	06/20/2006	No	No	No
Galaxie Chemical Corp. Richard Caldwell, 973-279-0558	06/20/2006	No	No	No
Magruder Color Co., Inc. Joel Weissglass, 973-241-1300	06/20/2006	No	No	No
Mason Color Works, Inc. Carol Mason Cronin, 330-385-4400	06/20/2006	No	No	No
Max Marx Color Corp. Walter Sichel, 973-373-7801	06/20/2006	No	No	No
PMC Inc. Gordon McCullough, 847-615-3400	06/20/2006	No	No	No
Sun Chemical Corp. Ed Faulkner, 513-681-5950	06/20/2006	No	No	No

**Technical comments:**<sup>3</sup>

The Commission suggests that the article description on page 1 of this report be used because it contains the CAS number and the proper capitalization.

<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.

109<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# S. 2734

To suspend temporarily the duty on Pigment Blue 80.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 4, 2006

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

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## A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on Pigment Blue 80.

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. PIGMENT BLUE 80.**

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:

“	9902.09.81	Pigment Blue 80 (provided for in subheading 3204.17.60) .....	Free	No change	No change	On or before 12/31/2009	”.
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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 enactment of this Act.

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