

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: August 10, 2006]<sup>2</sup>

**Bill No. and sponsor:** S. 2741 (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. 3992.

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

**Retroactive effect:** None.

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

Solvent blue 104 (CAS No. 116-75-6) (provided for in subheading 3204.19.20).

**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:**

Solvent blue 104 is a synthetic organic dye that is used to color plastics where a transparent blue is required. The subject product is imported from China and France.

**Estimated effect on customs revenue:**

HTS subheading: <u>3204.19.20</u>					
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
<del>Col. 1-General rate of duty</del>					
Col. 1-General rate of duty	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$430,000	\$430,000	\$430,000	\$430,000	\$430,000
Customs revenue loss 1/	\$27,950	\$27,950	\$27,950	\$27,950	\$27,950

1/ The estimated Customs revenue loss for 2006 reflects the existing duty suspension under HTS heading 9902.32.72 that expires on December 31, 2006.

Source of estimated dutiable import data: Industry estimates.

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<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).

**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)		
Clariant Corporation (Proponent) Mr. Andy Zamoyski, 401-823-2230	04/20/2006	No	No	No
Allegheny Color Corp. Mr. Jon Gallisdorfer, 815-741-2588	04/20/2006	No	No	No
Apollo Color, Inc. Mr. Tom Rogers, 815-722-3965	04/20/2006	No	No	No
BASF Corp. Mr. Phil Webb, 704-398-25888	04/20/2006	No	No	No
CDR Pigments & Dispersions Mr. Rucker Wickline, 270-737-1700	04/20/2006	No	No	No
Ciba Specialty Chemical Corp. Mr. John Deming, 302-479-5499	04/20/2006	No	No	No
Color Pigments Mfg Association Mr. Larry Robinson, 703-684-4044	04/20/2006	No	No	No
Diacolor-Pope Mr. Bob Turkos, 973-279-2702	04/20/2006	No	No	No
Engelhard Corporation Mr. Roland Valin, 732-205-7144	04/20/2006	No	No	No
Fanwood Chemical Co. Mr. Jim DeLisi, 908-322-8440	04/20/2006	No	No	No
Galaxie Chemical Corp. Mr. Richard Caldwell, 973-279-0558	04/20/2006	No	No	No
Magruder Color Co., Inc. Mr. Joel Weissglass, 973-241-1300	04/20/2006	No	No	No
Mason Color Works, Inc. Ms. Carol Mason Cronin, 330-385-4400	04/20/2006	No	No	No
Max Marx Color Corp. Mr. Walter Sichel, 973-373-7801	04/20/2006	No	No	No
Sun Chemical Corp. Mr. Ed Faulkner, 513-681-5950	04/20/2006	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.

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

# S. 2741

To extend the temporary suspension of duty on Solvent Blue 104.

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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 extend the temporary suspension of duty on Solvent Blue 104.

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. SOLVENT BLUE 104.**

4       (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Heading 9902.32.72 of the Har-  
5       monized Tariff Schedule of the United States (relating to  
6       Solvent Blue 104) is amended by striking “12/31/2006”  
7       and inserting “12/31/2009”.

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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