

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. 2980 (Mr. Johnny Isakson of Georgia).

**Proponent name, location:** ColorChem, Atlanta, GA.

**Other bills on product (109<sup>th</sup> 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)):**

3,4-Dimethoxybenzaldehyde (CAS No. 120–14–9) (provided for in subheading 2912.49.25)

**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:**

3,4-Dimethoxybenzaldehyde is a synthetic organic chemical that is used by the proponent as an intermediate in the production of an additive for plastics. This additive reduces degradation of the plastic by ultraviolet light. The subject product may also be used as an intermediate in the production of other specialty chemicals. ColorChem imports the product from China.

**Estimated effect on customs revenue:**

| HTS subheading: <u>2912.49.25</u>       |          |          |          |           |           |
|---|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|
|   | 2006     | 2007     | 2008     | 2009      | 2010      |
| <del>Col. 1-General rate of duty</del>  |          |          |          |           |           |
| Col. 1-General rate of duty             | 5.5%     | 5.5%     | 5.5%     | 5.5%      | 5.5%      |
| Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports | \$50,000 | \$70,000 | \$80,000 | \$100,000 | \$200,000 |
| Customs revenue loss                    | \$2,750  | \$3,850  | \$4,400  | \$5,500   | \$11,000  |

Source of estimated dutiable import data: Industry estimates.

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

<sup>1</sup> Industry analyst preparing report: Philip Stone (202-205-3424); 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)                                     |                      |                   |
| ColorChem (Proponent)<br>Steve Printz, 770-993-5500   | 07/05/2006     | No   | No                   | No                |
| Abbott<br>Elaine Leavenworth, Fax: 202-783-6631   | 07/11/2006     | No   | No                   | No                |
| American Chemistry Council<br>Jim O'Connor, Fax: 703-741-6922                                       | 07/11/2006     | No   | No                   | No                |
| Bayer Corporation<br>Julie Van Egmund, Fax: 202-737-8909<br>Karen L. Niedermeyer, Fax: 412-777-4740 | 07/11/2006     | No   | No                   | No                |
| Biddle Sawyer<br>William Thonack, Fax: 212-239-1089   | 07/11/2006     | No   | No                   | No                |
| Ciba Specialty Chemicals<br>John Deming, Fax: 302-479-5152  | 07/11/2006     | No   | No                   | No                |
| DuPont<br>Helen McMahon, Fax: 302-355-2994  | 07/11/2006     | No   | No                   | No                |
| Eastman Chemical Company<br>Jorge San Pedro, Fax: 703-524-7707<br>Greg Riddle, Fax: 703-524-7707    | 07/11/2006     | No   | No                   | No                |
| Firmenich, Inc.<br>Laura Heybur, Fax: 609-452-8063  | 07/11/2006     | No   | No                   | No                |
| Givaudian-Roure Corporation<br>Diane Koenig, Fax: 973-448-6532                                      | 07/11/2006     | No   | No                   | No                |
| Honeywell International<br>Art Simonetti, Fax: 202-662-2675   | 07/11/2006     | No   | No                   | No                |
| International Flavors and Fragrances<br>Tom Kinlin, Fax: 732-335-2244                               | 07/11/2006     | No   | No                   | No                |
| Kalsec, Inc.<br>President, Fax: 269-382-3060  | 07/11/2006     | No   | No                   | No                |
| Koch Industries<br>Ron Osman, Fax: 361-242-8353   | 07/11/2006     | No   | No                   | No                |
| Monsanto Corporation<br>Michael Parrish, Fax: 202-789-1867<br>Linda Strachan, Fax: 202-789-1867     | 07/11/2006     | No   | No                   | No                |
| Noveon<br>Tom Dirmyer, Fax: 216-447-5720  | 07/11/2006     | No   | No                   | No                |

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| Penta Manufacturing Co.<br>George Volpe, Fax: 973-740-1839                 | 07/11/2006     | No   | No                   | No                |
| Rhodia<br>Dominick Cangiana, Fax: 609-860-2256                             | 07/11/2006     | No   | No                   | No                |
| Solutia<br>Dan Jenkins, Fax: 314-674-1585<br>Sue Cannon, Fax: 314-674-1585 | 07/11/2006     | No   | No                   | No                |
| Uniroyal Chemical Company<br>Lloyd Moon, Fax: 203-573-4430                 | 07/11/2006     | No   | No                   | No                |

**Technical comments:**<sup>3</sup> None.

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<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.

109TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# S. 2980

To suspend temporarily the duty on 3,4-Dimethoxybenzaldehyde.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 23, 2006

Mr. ISAKSON 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 3,4-Dimethoxybenzaldehyde.

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. 3,4-DIMETHOXYBENZALDEHYDE.**

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:

|   |            |  |  |  |      |  |           |  |           |  |                         |    |
|---|------------|--|--|--|------|--|-----------|--|-----------|--|-------------------------|----|
| “ | 9902.38.20 |  | 3,4-Dimethoxybenzaldehyde (CAS No. 120–14–9) (provided for in subheading 2912.49.25) ..... |  | Free |  | No change |  | No change |  | On or before 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 the enactment of this Act.

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