

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

**MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION
of the 109th Congress¹**

[Date approved: August 10, 2006]²

Bill No. and sponsor: S. 2981 (Mr. Johnny Isakson of Georgia).

Proponent name, location: ColorChem, Atlanta, GA.

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-Aminothiophenol (CAS No. 137-07-5) (provided for in subheading 2930.90.29).

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 synthetic organic chemical, 2-aminothiophenol, 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>2930.90.29</u>					
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Col. 1-General rate of duty	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$50,000	\$70,000	\$80,000	\$100,000	\$300,000
Customs revenue loss	\$3,250	\$4,550	\$5,200	\$6,500	\$19,500

Source of estimated dutiable import data: Industry estimates.

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

¹ Industry analyst preparing report: Philip Stone (202-205-3424); 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.

Name of firm/organization	Date contacted	Claim US makes same or competing product(s)?	Submission attached?	Opposition noted?
		(Yes/No)		
ColorChem (Proponent) Steve Printz, 770-993-5500	07/05/2006	No	No	No
Abbott Elaine Leavenworth, Fax: 202-783-6631	07/11/2006	No	No	No
American Chemistry Council Jim O'Connor, Fax: 703-741-6922	07/11/2006	No	No	No
Bayer Corporation Julie Van Egmond, Fax: 202-737-8909 Karen L. Niedermeyer, Fax: 412-777-4740	07/11/2006	No	No	No
Biddle Sawyer William Thonack, Fax: 212-239-1089	07/11/2006	No	No	No
Ciba Specialty Chemicals John Deming, Fax: 302-479-5152	07/11/2006	No	No	No
DuPont Helen McMahon, Fax: 302-355-2994	07/11/2006	No	No	No
Eastman Chemical Company Jorge San Pedro, Fax: 703-524-7707 Greg Riddle, Fax: 703-524-7707	07/11/2006	No	No	No
Firmenich, Inc. Laura Heybur, Fax: 609-452-8063	07/11/2006	No	No	No
Givaudian-Roure Corporation Diane Koenig, Fax: 973-448-6532	07/11/2006	No	No	No
Honeywell International Art Simonetti, Fax: 202-662-2675	07/11/2006	No	No	No
International Flavors and Fragrances Tom Kinlin, Fax: 732-335-2244	07/11/2006	No	No	No
Kalsec, Inc. President, Fax: 269-382-3060	07/11/2006	No	No	No
Koch Industries Ron Osman, Fax: 361-242-8353	07/11/2006	No	No	No
Monsanto Corporation Michael Parrish, Fax: 202-789-1867 Linda Strachan, Fax: 202-789-1867	07/11/2006	No	No	No
Noveon Tom Dirmyer, Fax: 216-447-5720	07/11/2006	No	No	No

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

Technical comments:³

The Commission suggests that the article description on page 1 of this report be used in the proposed new heading in order to remove the left parenthesis before the word “subheading”.

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
2^D SESSION

S. 2981

To suspend temporarily the duty on 2-Aminothiophenol.

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

A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on 2-Aminothiophenol.

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. 2-AMINOTHIOPHENOL.**

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 | 2-Aminothiophenol (CAS No. 137-07-5) | Free | No change | No change | On or before | ”.
| (provided for in subheading (2930.90.29)) | | | | 12/31/2009 |

8 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
9 subsection (a) applies to goods entered, or withdrawn from

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- 1 warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after
- 2 the date of the enactment of this Act.

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