

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 24, 2006]<sup>2</sup>

**Bill No. and sponsor:** S. 3170 (Mr. Christopher S. Bond of Missouri).

**Proponent name, location:** BASF Corporation, Palmyra, MO.

**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)):**

4-Methylbenzotrile (CAS No. 104-85-8) (provided for in subheading 2926.90.43).

**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, 4-methylbenzotrile, is used by the proponent as an intermediate in the production of an insecticide, which controls caterpillars and beetles on cotton plants. BASF imports the subject product from Germany.

**Estimated effect on customs revenue:**

HTS subheading: <u>2926.90.43</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	\$82,000	\$82,000	\$180,000	\$170,000	\$170,000
Customs revenue loss	\$5,330	\$5,330	\$11,700	\$11,050	\$11,050

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)		
BASF Corporation (Proponent) Greg Thies, Fax: 202-558-5101	07/19/2006	No	No	No
Bayer CropScience Williams Hensley, Fax: 202-737-8909 Karen L. Niedermeyer, Fax: 412-777-4740	07/19/2006	No	No	No
Crop Life America Lawrence Norton, Fax: 202-463-0474	07/19/2006	No	No	No
Dow AgroScience Max Turnipseed, Fax: 225-383-0590 Lisa Schroeter, Fax: 202-429-3467	07/19/2006	No	No	No
DuPont Helen McMahon, Fax: 302-355-2994	07/19/2006	No	No	No
FMC Jerry Prout, Fax: 202-956-5235	07/19/2006	No	No	No
LANXESS Corporation Jamie B. Schaeffer, Fax: 412-809-3614	07/19/2006	No	No	No
Monsanto Corporation Michael Parrish, Fax: 202-789-1867 Linda Strachan, Fax: 202-789-1867	07/19/2006	No	No	No
Syngenta Mike Blythe, Fax: 336-632-6084 Dawn Stomp, Fax: 202-347-7772	07/19/2006	No	No	No
Valent USA Robin Demouth, Fax: 925-256-2776	07/19/2006	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. 3170

To suspend temporarily the duty on 4-Methylbenzotrile.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 25, 2006

Mr. BOND 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 4-Methylbenzotrile.

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. 4-METHYLBENZONITRILE.**

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:

“	9902.29.24	4-Methylbenzotrile (CAS No. 104–85–8) (provided for in subheading 2926.90.43) .....	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 the enactment of this Act.

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