

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

**MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION
of the 109th Congress ¹**

[Date approved: January 7, 2007]²

Bill No. and sponsor: S. 3443 (Mr. Harry Reid of Nevada).

Proponent name, location: Unknown.

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)):

1H-Imidazole, 2-ethyl-4-methyl- (CAS No. 931-36-2) (provided for in subheading 2933.29.90).

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 chemical that is used as a heat-activated curing agent for epoxy coatings and castings. The product is imported from Japan.

Estimated effect on customs revenue:

HTS subheading: <u>2933.29.90</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	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Customs revenue loss	\$650	\$650	\$650	\$650	\$650

Source of estimated dutiable import data: Industry estimates.

Contacts with domestic firms/organizations:

¹ Industry analyst preparing report: Jeff Clark (202-205-3318); 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)		
Added Value Technology Dan Shinnick, 952-881-3365	09/06/2006	No	No	No
Air Products and Chemicals Molly Troutman, 610-481-4003	09/05/2006	No	No	No
Ashland Chemical Mike Toohey, Fax: 202-293-2913	08/24/2006	No	No	No
BASF Corp. Greg Thies, Fax: 202-558-5101 Steve Ziehm, Fax: 202-872-8696	09/01/2006	No	No	No
Bayer Corp. Karen Niedermeyer, Fax: 412-777-4740	09/01/2006	No	No	No
Ciba Specialty Chemicals Corp. John Demming, Fax: 302-479-5152	09/01/2006	No	No	No
Coates Circuit Products Lauri Novak, lauri.novak@coates.com Stuart Down, stuart.down@coates.com	09/07/2006	No	No	No
Cookson Electronics Jim Kenny, 503-880-6069	09/06/2006	No	No	No
Dow Lisa Schroeter, Fax: 202-429-3467	09/01/2006	No	No	No
Dupont Nancy Johnson, Fax: 202-728-3649	09/01/2006	No	No	No
Eastman Chemical Jorge San Pedro, Fax: 703-524-7707	08/24/2006	No	No	No
Gabriel Performance Products Leonard J. Boehm, 440-992-3254	09/06/2006	No	No	No
GlaxoSmithKline William Schuyler, Fax: 202-715-1001	08/24/2006	No	No	No
Great Lakes Chemical Robert Lee, Fax: 765-497-6040	08/24/2006	No	No	No
Hexion Specialty Chemicals Howard P. Franck, 832-366-2359	09/06/2006	No	No	No
Huntsman Advanced Materials Derek Kincaid, 281-719-7623	09/06/2006	No	No	No

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Lonza, Inc. Ray Esposito, Fax: 201-696-3487	08/24/2006	No	No	No
Perstop Polyols, Inc. Jeff Jones, Fax: 419-729-3291	08/24/2006	No	No	No
Reichhold Chemicals, Inc. Daniel Giles, Fax: 919-990-7749	09/01/2006	No	No	No
Tennant Co. Mary Heie, Fax: 763-513-1808	08/24/2006	No	No	No
Total Specialty Chemicals, Inc. Tad Acker, Fax: 203-966-1505	08/24/2006	No	No	No
Union Carbide Jim Murray, Fax: 202-347-1684	08/24/2006	No	No	No

Technical comments:³

The Commission suggests that “(9CI)” be deleted from the article description.

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. 3443

To suspend temporarily the duty on 1H-Imidazole, 2-ethyl-4-methyl- (9Cl).

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 6, 2006

Mr. REID introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to
the Committee on Finance

A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on 1H-Imidazole, 2-ethyl-
4-methyl- (9Cl).

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. 1H-IMIDAZOLE, 2-ETHYL-4-METHYL- (9Cl).**

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:

“	9902.29.12	1H-Imidazole, 2-ethyl-4-methyl- (9Cl) (CAS No. 931-36-2) (provided for in subheading 2933.29.90)	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

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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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