UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20436

MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION of the 108th Congress 1

[Date approved: May 3, 2004]²

Bill No. and sponsor: H.R. 2645 (Ms. Myrick)

Proponent name, location: DyStar L.P.

Charlotte, NC

Other bills on product (108th Congress only): None.

Nature of bill: Extension of expired heading 9902.32.81 through December 31, 2008; the bill also revises the article description for that heading.

Retroactive effect: January 1, 2004.

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

Mixture of Disperse blue 284, Disperse brown 19 and Disperse red 311 with non-color dispersing agent (provided for in subheading 3204.11.35)

Check one: ___ Same as that in bill as introduced

X Different from that in bill as introduced (explain differences in Technical comments section)

Product information, including uses/applications and source(s) of imports:

This synthetic organic chemical is a "disperse" dyestuff used for dyeing polyester fabrics and yarns. DyStar KG is importing the product from its manufacturing plant in Indonesia, using the trade name Dianix Black XF.

¹ Industry analyst preparing report: Stephen Wanser (202-205-3363); Tariff Affairs contact: Dave Beck (202-205-2603).

² Access to an electronic copy of this memorandum is available at http://www.usitc.gov/billrpts.htm Access to a paper copy is available at the Commission's Law Library (202-205-3287) or at the Commission's Main Library (202-205-2630).

Estimated effect on customs revenue:

HTS subheading: 3204.11.35						
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	
Col. 1-General rate of duty (AVE) <u>1</u> /	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$306,000	\$306,000	\$306,000	\$306,000	\$306,000	
Customs revenue loss	\$19,890	\$19,890	\$19,890	\$19,890	\$19,890	

^{1/} The AVE is the ad valorem equivalent of a specific or compound duty rate expressed as a percent, using the most recent import data available.

Source of estimated dutiable import data: "Industry estimates."

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

Name of firm/organization	Date contacted	US production of same or competitive product claimed?	Submission attached?	Opposition noted?
			(Yes/No)	
DyStar L.P. Van Hawkins; 704/561-3020 Hawkins.Van@Dystar.com	02/01/04	No	No	No
BASF, Functional Polymers Bus. Group Joseph Breunig, 704/587-7900	02/20/04	No	No	No
Bayer Corporation, Karen Neidermeyer, 412/777-2058	02/20/04	No	No	No
Ciba Specialty Chemicals Michelle Forte, 914/785-2483	02/20/04	No	No	No
Clarient Corporation, Ken Golder, 704/331-7086	02/20/04	No	No	No
Day-Glo Corporation Richard Thornton, 216/391-7070	02/20/04	No	No	No

ETAD Tucker Helms, PhD, 202/721-4154	02/20/04	No	No	No
Everlight, USA, Inc., Scott Chen, 704/558-1004	02/20/04	No	No	No
Fanwood Chemical Inc. Mr. V.M. (Jim) DiLisi	02/20/04	No	No	No
Milliken Industries, Ray Saunders, 864/503-1618	02/20/04	No	No	No
Passaic Color, John Wojciechowski, 973/279-0400	02/20/04	No	No	No
Rohm & Haas, Steven Volger, 215/592-3425	02/20/04	No	No	No
Sensient, Dan Victor, 314/286-7167	02/20/04	No	No	No

Technical comments:³

The bill essentially reinstates heading 9902.32.81, which expired on December 31, 2003, and extends its effective period through 12/31/2008. After consultation with the proponent firm, it was agreed that the article description for heading 9902.32.81 could continue to be used.

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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.

H.R. 2645

To suspend temporarily the duty on Dianix Black XF.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

June 26, 2003

Mrs. Myrick introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

	To suspend temporarily the duty on Dianix Black XF.						
1	1 Be it enacted by the Senate and He	ouse of Representa-					
2	2 tives of the United States of America in C	Congress assembled,					
3	SECTION 1. SUSPENSION OF DUTY ON DIANIX BLACK XF.						
4	4 (a) In General.—Subchapter II	of chapter 99 of					
5	the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States is						
6	amended by striking heading 9902.32.81 and inserting the						
7	following:						
	" " " " " " " " " " " " "	No change					

- 1 (b) Effective Date.—The amendment made by
- 2 subsection (a) applies to goods entered, or withdrawn from
- 3 warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after

4 the date of the enactment of this Act.

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