

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20436

**MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION  
of the 108<sup>th</sup> Congress <sup>1</sup>**

[Date approved: August 6, 2004]<sup>2</sup>

**Bill No. and sponsor:** H.R. 4083 (Mr. Baker).

**Proponent name, location:** Albemarle Corp., Baton Rouge, LA

**Other bills on product (108<sup>th</sup> Congress only):** None.

**Nature of bill:** Temporary duty suspension through December 31, 2008.

**Retroactive effect:** None.

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

*p*-Nitrobenzoic acid (CAS No. 62-23-7) (provided for in subheading 2916.39.75).

**Check one:**  Same as that in bill as introduced  
 Different from that in bill as introduced (explain differences in the Technical comments section)

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

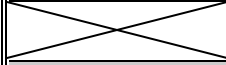
*p*-Nitrobenzoic acid is an organic intermediate used to make other organic chemicals used in the manufacture of sun-screen preparations, printing inks, anesthetics, vitamin formulations, oil field chemicals and metal plating chemicals. It is imported mainly from China.

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<sup>2</sup> 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:**

<b>HTS subheading: 2916.39.75</b>					
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Col. 1-General rate of duty (AVE) <sup>1/</sup>	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$5,000,000	\$5,200,000	\$5,400,000	\$5,600,000	\$5,800,000
Customs revenue loss	\$325,000	\$338,000	\$351,000	\$364,000	\$377,000

<sup>1/</sup> 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: The revenue loss estimates are based on official statistics of the U.S. Department of Commerce and information supplied by industry analysts. Revenue losses may be higher if imports increase more than the 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)		
Albemarle Corp., Baton Rouge, LA	5/17/04	No	No	No
Borregaard Synthesis Inc., Newburyport, MA	5/17/04	No	No	No
Crown Metro Chemicals, Greenville, SC	5/17/04	No	No	No
Du Pont, Wilmington, DE	5/17/04	No	No	No
Eagle-Pitcher Industries Inc., Lexena, KS	5/17/04	No	No	No
Lonza Inc., Bayport, TX	5/17/04	No	No	No
Noveon Inc., Cincinnati, OH	5/17/04	No	No	No
Pierce Chemical Co., Rockford, IL	5/17/04	No	No	No
Regis Technologies Inc., Morton Grove, IL	5/17/04	No	No	No
Salsbury Chemicals Inc., Charles City, IA	5/17/04	No	No	No

**Technical comments:**<sup>3</sup>

The chemical name in the proposed article description should read “*p*-Nitrobenzoic acid”.

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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.

108TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 4083

To suspend temporarily the duty on p-nitrobenzoic acid (PNBA).

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 31, 2004

Mr. BAKER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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## A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on p-nitrobenzoic acid (PNBA).

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. SUSPENSION OF DUTY ON P-NITROBENZOIC**  
4 **ACID (PNBA).**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 99 of  
6 the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States is  
7 amended by inserting in numerical sequence the following  
8 new heading:

“	9902.34.31	p-nitrobenzoic acid (CAS No. 62-23-7) (provided for in subheading 2916.39.75) ..	Free	No change	No change	On or before 12/31/2008	”.
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1       (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
2 subsection (a) applies to articles entered, or withdrawn  
3 from warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day  
4 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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