

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

**MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION
of the 108th Congress ¹**

[Date approved: August 27, 2004]²

Bill No. and sponsor: H.R. 4484 (Mr. Brown (SC))

Proponent name, location: Symrise Inc.,³ 300 North Street, Teterboro, NJ 07608.

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

Nature of bill: Temporary Duty suspension through December 31, 2007.

Retroactive effect: None.

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

1,2-Octanediol (CAS No. 1117-86-8) (provided for in subheading 2905.39.90)

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:

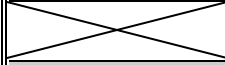
The subject product is an organic chemical used as an ingredient in cosmetics, coatings, glue, adhesives, and inks. It is imported mainly from Germany.

¹ Industry analyst preparing report: Larry Johnson (202-205-3351); Tariff Affairs contact: David 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).

³ Formed by the merger of Haarmann & Reimer and Dragoco in 2003.

Estimated effect on customs revenue:

HTS subheading: 2905.39.90					
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Col. 1-General rate of duty (AVE) ^{1/}	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Customs revenue loss	\$55,000	\$55,000	\$55,000	\$55,000	\$55,000

^{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: The revenue loss estimates are based on official statistics of the U.S. Department of Commerce and information supplied by industry. 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)		
Symrise Inc.	7/7/04	No	No	No
Aceto Corporation	7/19/04	No	No	No
Acme-Hardesty Co.	7/19/04	No	No	No
Ashland Distribution Company, Ingredients	7/19/04	No	No	No
Mutchler Chemical Company, Inc.	7/19/04	No	No	No
Polarome International	7/19/04	No	No	No
Quaker City Chemicals	7/19/04	No	No	No
Rit-Chem Co., Inc.	7/19/04	No	No	No
Ruger Chemical Co., Inc.	7/19/04	No	No	No
R.W. Greef	7/19/04	No	No	No

Spectrum Chemical	7/19/04	No	No	No
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Technical comments:⁴

The Commission recommends that the chemical name used in the proposed article description be amended to read “1,2-Octanediol”.

⁴ 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. 4484

To suspend temporarily the duty on 1,2 Octanediol.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 2, 2004

Mr. BROWN of South Carolina introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on 1,2 Octanediol.

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 1,2 OCTANEDIOL.**

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:

“	9902.34.32		1,2 Octanediol (CAS No. 1117-86-8) (provided for in subheading 2905.39.90)		Free		No change		No change		On or before 12/31/2007	”.
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7 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
8 subsection (a) applies to articles entered, or withdrawn

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

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