

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 27, 2004]<sup>2</sup>

**Bill No. and sponsor:** H.R. 4485 (Mr. Brown (SC))

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

**Other bills on product (108<sup>th</sup> 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)):**

Methyl salicylate (CAS No. 119-36-8) (provided for in subheading 2918.23.20)

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

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

The synthetic organic chemical, methyl salicylate, is a volatile oil with a characteristic wintergreen odor and taste. It is commonly used as a counterirritant in ointments or liniments for muscle pain and also as a flavoring agent. Symrise uses methyl salicylate as a primary raw material in the production of two specific sunscreen products (in the Symrise Bushy Park, NC facility). Symrise purchases this chemical from import brokers who import it from China.

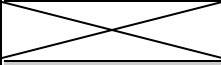
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<sup>2</sup> Access to an electronic copy of this memorandum is available at <http://www.usitc.gov/billrpts.htm> Access to a paper copy is available at the Commission's Law Library (202-205-3287) or at the Commission's Main Library (202-205-2630).



**Estimated effect on customs revenue:**

<b>HTS subheading: 2918.23.2000</b>					
	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	\$3,260,000	\$3,260,000	\$3,260,000	\$3,260,000	\$3,260,000
Customs revenue loss	\$211,900	\$211,900	\$211,900	\$211,900	\$211,900

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: Commission 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	7/14/04	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

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

The word “Salicylate” in the proposed article description does not need to be capitalized.

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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. 4485

To suspend temporarily the duty on Methyl Salicylate.

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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

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## A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on Methyl Salicylate.

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 METHYL SALICY-**  
4 **LATE.**

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:

“	9902.34.35	Methyl Salicylate (CAS No. 119–36–8) (provided for in subheading 2918.23.20) .....	Free	No change	No change	On or before 12/31/2007	”.
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8        (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
9 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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