

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. 4540 (Mr.Langevin)

**Proponent name, location:** Clariant Corporation, 500 Washington Street, Coventry, RI 02816

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

**Nature of bill:** Temporary duty suspension through 12/31/2006.

**Retroactive effect:** None.

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

Acid blue 80 (CAS No. 254430-12-5) (provided for in subheading 3204.10.50)

**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:**

This synthetic organic dye is used in detergent and textiles applications. It is extremely light-fast and pH-resistant and offers a very clean shade of blue. This product is imported from Switzerland.

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<sup>1</sup> Industry analyst preparing report: Larry Johnson (202-205- 3351); Tariff Affairs contact: Dave Beck (202-205-2603).

<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: 3204.12.50</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	\$700,000	\$750,000	\$800,000	\$850,000	\$900,000
Customs revenue loss	\$45,500	\$48,750	\$52,000	\$55,250	\$58,500

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)		
Clariant Corp., Mr. Andy Zamoyski, (401) 823-2230	06/20/04	No	No	No
Allegheny Color Corp., Mr. Jon Gallisdorfer, (815) 741-2588	06/20/04	No	No	No
Apollo Color, Inc., Mr. Tom Rogers, (815) 722-3965	06/20/04	No	No	No
BASF Corp., Mr. Phil Webb, (704) 398-2588	06/20/04	No	No	No
CDR Pigments & Dispersions, Rucker Wickline, (270) 737-1700	06/20/04	No	No	No
Ciba Specialty Chemical Corp., Mr. John Deming	06/20/04	No	No	No
Diacolor-Pope, Mr. Bob Turkos, (973) 279-2702	06/20/04	No	No	No

Fanwood Chemical Co., Mr Jim DeLisi, (908) 322-8440	06/20/04	No	No	No
Galaxie Chemical Corp., Mr. Richard Caldwell, (973) 279-0558	06/20/04	No	No	No
Magruder Color Co., Inc., Mr. Joel Weissglass, (973) 241-1300	06/20/04	No	No	No
Mason Color Works, Inc. Ms. Carol Mason Cronin, (330) 385-4400	06/20/04	No	No	No
Max Marx Color Corp., Mr. Walter Sichel, (973) 373-7801	06/20/04	No	No	No
PMC Inc., Mr. Gordon McCullough	06/20/04	No	No	No
Sun Chemical Corp., Mr. Ed Faulkner, (513) 681-5950	06/20/04	No	No	No

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

The Commission recommends that the proposed article description be amended to read as follows:

Acid blue 80 (CAS No. 4474-24-2) (provided for in subheading 3204.12.50)

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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. 4540

To suspend temporarily the duty on Acid Blue 80.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 9, 2004

Mr. LANGEVIN 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 Acid Blue 80.

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 ACID BLUE 80.**

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:

“	9902.32.02	Acid Blue 80 Acid Blue 80 (CAS number 4474-24-2) provided for in subheading 3204.12.50 .....	Free	Free	No Change	On or before 12/31/2006	”.
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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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