

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

**MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION
of the 109th Congress¹**

[Date approved: September 20, 2005]²

Bill No. and sponsor: H.R. 2154 (Mr. Henry E. Brown of South Carolina)

Proponent name, location: Symrise Inc.
Goose Creek, SC

Other bills on product (109th 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)):

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 (see Technical comments section)


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

Methyl salicylate is a synthetic organic chemical used as a primary raw material in the production of two specific sunscreen products. There is no known domestic production of this chemical, which is imported from China, nor are there other known domestic importers of this product

¹ Industry analyst preparing report: Eric Land (202-205-3349); Tariff Affairs contact: Dave Michels (202-205-3340).

² Access to an electronic copy of this memorandum is available at www.usitc.gov/tata/hts/other/rel_doc/bill_reports/index.htm.

Estimated effect on customs revenue:

HTS subheading: <u>2918.23.20</u>					
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Col. 1-General rate of duty	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$3,850,000	\$3,850,000	\$3,850,000	\$3,850,000	\$3,850,000
Customs revenue loss	\$250,250	\$250,250	\$250,250	\$250,250	\$250,250

Source of estimated dutiable import data: Industry estimates and 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 Inc. (proponent) Jed D'Ercole e-mail: jed@sda-inc.com	7/17/2005	No	No	No
Abbott Laboratories Elaine Leavenworth fax: (202) 783-6631	8/3/2005	No	No	No
Albright & Wilson Susan Greenbaum fax: (804) 968-6498	8/3/2005	No	No	No
Bayer Karen Niedermeyer fax: (412) 777-4740	8/3/2005	No	No	No
Bayer Julie Von Egmund fax: (202) 737-8908	8/3/2005	No	No	No
Biddle Sawyer William Thonack fax: (212) 239-1089	8/3/2005	No	No	No
American Chemistry Council Jim O'Connor fax: (703) 741-6922	8/3/2005	No	No	No
Ciba Specialty Chemicals Michelle Forte fax: (914) 785-4831	8/3/2005	No	No	No
Clariant Corp. Andrew Zamoyski fax (401) 823-2700	8/3/2005	No	No	No

E.I DuPont Nancy Johnson fax: (202) 728-3649	8/3/2005	No	No	No
E.I DuPont Elaine Olson fax: (302) 892-7343	8/3/2005	No	No	No
Eastman Chemical Co. Greg Riddle fax: (703) 524-7707	8/3/2005	No	No	No
Honeywell International Art Simonetti fax: (202) 662-2675	8/3/2005	No	No	No
Monsanto Linda Strachan fax: (202) 789-1867	8/3/2005	No	No	No
Monsanto Michael Parrish fax: (202) 789-1867	8/3/2005	No	No	No
Noveon Tom Dirmyer fax: (214) 415-6001	8/3/2005	No	No	No
Solutia Sue Cannon fax: (314) 674-1585	8/3/2005	No	No	No
Solutia Dan Jenkins fax: (314) 674-1585	8/3/2005	No	No	No
Uniroyal Lloyd Moon fax: (203) 573-4430	8/3/2005	No	No	No

Technical comments:³

The Commission suggests that the article description on page 1 of this report be used in the proposed new heading in order to provide the correct capitalization.

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.

109TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2154

To suspend temporarily the duty on Methyl Salicylate.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 5, 2005

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 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. METHYL SALICYLATE.**

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:

“	9902.34.35	Methyl Salicylate (CAS No. 119–36–8) (provided for in subheading 2918.23.20)	Free	No change	No change	On or before 12/31/2008	”.
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7 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
8 subsection (a) applies to goods entered, or withdrawn from

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

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