

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20436

**MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION  
of the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress<sup>1</sup>**

[Date approved: September 20, 2005]<sup>2</sup>

**Bill No. and sponsor:** H.R. 2159 (Mr. Henry E. Brown of South Carolina)

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

**Other bills on product (109<sup>th</sup> Congress only):** H.R. 1900 and H.R. 2837.

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

**Retroactive effect:** None.

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

The subject chemical (see below) is classified in HTS subheading 2905.19.00 and is eligible for a temporary duty suspension under HTS heading 9902.01.36.

**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:**

Methanol, sodium salt is a synthetic organic chemical used as an intermediate in the manufacture of pesticides, sunscreens, and biodiesel fuel. The subject compound is imported from Germany. There is no known U.S. production.

<sup>1</sup> Industry analyst preparing report: Jeff Clark (202-205-3318); Tariff Affairs contact: David Michels (202-205-3440).

<sup>2</sup> Access to an electronic copy of this memorandum is available at [http://usitc.gov/tata/hts/other/rel\\_doc/bill\\_reports/index.htm](http://usitc.gov/tata/hts/other/rel_doc/bill_reports/index.htm)

**Estimated effect on customs revenue:**

<b>HTS subheading: 2905.19.00</b>					
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Col. 1-General rate of duty	3.7%	3.7%	3.7%	3.7%	3.7%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000
Customs revenue loss 1/	\$9,250	\$9,250	\$9,250	\$9,250	\$9,250

1/ The revenue loss for 2005 and 2006 results from an existing duty suspension that is provided for in heading 9902.01.36.

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)		
Symrise, Inc. (proponent) Jed D'Ercole, 202-835-0740 Rich Winter, 908-429-6934	08/01/2005, 08/04/2005, 08/09/2005	No	No	No
Bayer CropScience Will Hensley, 202-756-3781	07/12/2005	No	No	No
Dow AgroSciences Lisa Schroeder, 202-429-3400	07/12/2005	No	No	No
E. I. du Pont Elaine Olsen, 302-992-2263	07/12/2005	No	No	No
FMC Corp. Jerry Prout, 202-956-5200	07/12/2005	No	No	No
Monsanto Corp. Linda Strachan, 202-783-2460	07/12/2005	No	No	No
Syngenta Mike Blythe, 336-632-6000	07/12/2005	No	No	No
Amspec Chemical Corp. John Gustavsen, 856-456-3930	08/11/2005	No	No	No

Clariant Corporation Andrew Zamoyski, 401-823-2230	08/01/2005	No	No	No
Eli Lilly Kathy Karol, 202-393-7950	08/01/2005	No	No	No
International Flavors & Fragrances Tom Kinlin, 732-264-4500	08/01/2005	No	No	No
Procter & Gamble Jim McCarthy, 202-393-4606	08/01/2005	No	No	No

**Technical comments:**<sup>3</sup> None

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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.

109<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 2159

To extend the duty suspension on methanol, sodium salt.

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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

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## A BILL

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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. METHANOL, SODIUM SALT.**

4       (a) IN GENERAL.—Heading 9902.01.36 of the Har-  
5       monized Tariff Schedule of the United States (relating to  
6       methanol, sodium salt) is amended by striking “12/31/  
7       2006” and inserting “12/31/2008”.

8       (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
9       subsection (a) applies to goods entered, or withdrawn from  
10      warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after  
11      the date of the enactment of this Act.