UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION Washington, DC 20436

MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION of the 109th Congress ¹

[Date approved: November 29, 2005]²

Bill No. and sponsor: H.R. 2544 (Mr. James R. Langevin of Rhode Island).

Proponent name, location: Clariant Corporation, Coventry, RI.

Other bills on product (109th Congress only): None.

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)):

Benzoic acid, 2-amino-4-[[(2,5-dichlorophenyl)amino]carbonyl]-, methyl ester (CAS No. 59673-82-4) (provided for in subheading 2924.29.71).

Check one: X No change to HTS heading 9902.02.51 is suggested.
Different from that in bill as introduced (see Technical comments section).

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

Benzoic acid, 2-amino-4-[[(2,5-dichlorophenyl)amino]carbonyl]-, methyl ester is a synthetic organic chemical intermediate used to produce pigments. The proponent imports this product from Germany.

Estimated effect on customs revenue:

HTS subheading: <u>2924.29.71</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	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000					
Customs revenue loss <u>1</u> /	\$65,000	\$65,000	\$65,000	\$65,000	\$65,000					

 $[\]underline{1}$ / The estimated revenue loss for 2005 and 2006 results from a temporary duty suspension under HTS heading 9902.02.51 that expires on December 31, 2006.

Source of estimated dutiable import data: Industry estimates and Commission estimates.

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

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)	
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Ciba Specialty Chemicals John Deming Fax: 302-479-5152	9/20/2005	No	No	No
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Technical comments:³ None.

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. 2544

To extend the temporary suspension of duty on benzoic acid, 2-amino-4-[[(2,5-dichlorophenyl)amino]carbonyl]-, methyl ester.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

May 23, 2005

Mr. Langevin introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

To extend the temporary suspension of duty on benzoic acid, 2-amino-4-[[(2,5-dichlorophenyl)amino]carbonyl]-, methyl ester.

1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, 3 **SECTION BENZOIC** 1. ACID, 2-AMINO-4-[[(2,5-4 DICHLOROPHENYL)AMINO]CARBONYL]-, 5 METHYL ESTER. 6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Heading 9902.02.51 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (relating to 8 benzoic acid, 2-amino-4-[[(2,5dichlorophenyl)amino carbonyl]-, methyl ester) is amend-10 ed by striking "12/31/2006" and inserting "12/31/2008".

- 1 (b) Effective Date.—The amendment made by
- 2 subsection (a) applies to goods entered, or withdrawn from
- 3 warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after

4 the date of enactment of this Act.

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