

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. 4535 (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:** Renewal of former temporary duty suspension through 12/31/2006.

**Retroactive effect:** None.

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

Pigment red 208 (CAS No. 31778-10-6) (provided for in subheading 3204.17.60)

**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:**

Pigment red 208 is a synthetic organic pigment used primarily to color plastics processed at over 200<sup>0</sup> C. Owing to its resistance to temperatures over 250<sup>0</sup> C, this product has no domestically-produced competition. The product can be made in colors that vary from a blue-shade to mid-shade organic red and is used in higher-temperature plastics applications where the heat resistance of other organic reds is not adequate. The product is imported from Germany.

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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: 3204.17.60</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	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$70,000
Customs revenue loss	\$4,550	\$4,550	\$4,550	\$4,550	\$4,550

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> 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.

108TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 4535

To extend the temporary suspension of duty on Pigment Red 208.

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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 extend the temporary suspension of duty on Pigment  
Red 208.

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. PIGMENT RED 208.**

4       (a) IN GENERAL.—Heading 9902.32.27 of the Har-  
5       monized Tariff Schedule of the United States is amended  
6       by striking “12/31/2002” and inserting “12/31/2006”.

7       (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
8       subsection (a) applies with respect to goods entered, or  
9       withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after  
10       January 1, 2003.