

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. 2159 (Mr. Henry E. Brown of South Carolina)

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

Other bills on product (109th 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.

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

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

Estimated effect on customs revenue:

HTS subheading: 2905.19.00					
	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:³ None

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. 2159

To extend the duty suspension on methanol, sodium salt.

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 extend the duty suspension on methanol, sodium salt.

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.