

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. 2172 (Mr. Henry E. Brown Jr. of South Carolina)

**Proponent name, location:** Lanxess Corporation  
Goose Creek, SC

**Other bills on product (109<sup>th</sup> Congress only):** None.

**Nature of bill:** Temporary duty suspension through 12/31/2009.

**Retroactive effect:** None.

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

Mercaptobenzothiazole disulfide (CAS No. 120-78-5) (provided for in subheading 2934.20.10).

**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:**

This chemical is used in the manufacture of rubber footwear and other hot-air cured goods, molding and technical goods such as roll covers, conveyor belting, transmission belting, footwear soles and heels, hoses, strips, cables, bicycle and car tires. The chemical is a rubber accelerator, supplied in both powder and micro granular form. The granular form produces less dust than conventional products. The product is imported from Belgium. Competitive products are primarily imported from Europe and Asia.

<sup>1</sup> Industry analyst preparing report: Richard Qualters (202-205-2334); Tariff Affairs contact: David Michels (202-205-3340).

<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: 2934.20.10</b>					
	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	\$4,836,000	\$4,900,000	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000
Customs revenue loss	\$314,340	\$318,500	\$325,000	\$325,000	\$325,000

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)		
LANXESS (Proponent) Michael Assaf, 412-809-3687 Jamie Shaeffer, 412-809-3666 Seth Tomei, 412-809-3664	7/19/2005	No	No	No
IBC Steve Ziehm, 202-872-8181	7/19/2005	No	No	No
International Institute of Synthetic Rubber Producers, Inc Fax: 713-783-7523	8/12/2005	No	No	No
Rubber Manufacturer's Association Fax: 202-682-4854	8/12/2005	No	No	No

**Technical comments:**<sup>3</sup> The Commission suggests that the article description on page 1 of this report be used in the proposed new heading so as to provide correct capitalization in the chemical name.

<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. 2172

To suspend temporarily the duty on MBTS.

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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

To suspend temporarily the duty on MBTS.

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. MBTS.**

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  
7 new heading:

“	9902.06.10	Mercaptobenzothiazole Di- sulfide (CAS No. 120-78-5) (provided for in subheading 2934.20.10) .....	Free	No change	No change	On or before 12/31/2009	”.
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8 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
9 subsection (a) applies to goods entered, or withdrawn from

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

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