

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

**MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION
of the 109th Congress¹**

[Date approved: November 4, 2005]²

Bill No. and sponsor: H.R. 2314 (Mr. Joe Wilson of South Carolina).

Proponent name, location: Clariant Corporation, Martin, SC.

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

Nature of bill: Extension of temporary duty suspension through 12/31/2008.

Retroactive effect: None.

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

Reduced vat blue 43 (CAS No. 85737-02-6) (provided for in subheading 3204.15.40).

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:

The subject product is a synthetic dye used in the textiles industry to color cotton fabrics, primarily denim. The reduced vat blue dyes are vat blue dyes reduced with alkali to increase water solubility and affinity for textile fibers. It is imported from China.

Estimated effect on customs revenue:

HTS subheading: <u>3204.15.40</u>					
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Col. 1-General rate of duty					
Col. 1-General rate of duty	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$702,506	\$702,506	\$702,506	\$702,506	\$702,506
Customs revenue loss ^{1/}	\$45,663	\$45,663	\$45,663	\$45,663	\$45,663

^{1/} Estimated revenue loss for 2005 and 2006 results from a current suspension of duty per heading 9902.03.04.

Source of estimated dutiable import data: Industry estimates.

¹ Industry analyst preparing report: Philip Stone (202-205-3424); 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

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 Corporation (proponent) Andrew Zamoyiski, 401-823-2230	8/26/2005	No	No	No
BASF Functional Polymers Bus. Group Joseph C. Breunig, Fax: 704-587-7903	8/30/2005	No	No	No
Bayer Corporation Karen L. Niedermeyer, Fax: 412-777-4740	8/30/2005	No	No	No
Blackman Uhler Jeter Starnes, Fax: 864-596-1501	8/31/2005	No	No	No
Carey Industries, Inc. Raymond J. Carey, Fax: 203-791-2762	8/30/2005	No	No	No
Ciba Specialty Chemicals John Deming, Fax: 302-479-5152	8/30/2005	No	No	No
CMPA Larry Robinson, Fax: 703-684-1795	8/30/2005	No	No	No
Color Resources International, Inc. Wayne Jones, Fax: 864-862-6824	8/30/2005	No	No	No
Colorants and Textile Leather Michael Strumpp, Fax: 973-426-3542	8/30/2005	No	No	No
ColorChem Steve Printz, Fax: 770-993-4780	8/30/2005	No	No	No
Day-Glo Richard Thornton, Fax: 216-391-1408	8/30/2005	No	No	No
DuPont Helen McMahon, Fax: 302-774-1398	8/31/2005	No	No	No
DyStar L.P. Van Hawkins, Fax: 704-561-3005	8/30/2005	No	No	No
ETAD Tucker Helms, Fax: 202-296-8120	8/30/2005	No	No	No

Everlight USA, Inc. Scott Chen, Fax: 704-588-0051	8/30/2005	No	No	No
Fanwood Chemical Jim DeLisi, Fax: 908-322-8494	8/30/2005	No	No	No
Milliken Ray Sanders, Fax: 864-503-1618	8/30/2005	No	No	No
NFC John Dickson, Fax: 803-548-2683	8/30/2005	No	No	No
Noveon Tom Dirmyer, Fax: 214-514-6001	8/30/2005	No	No	No
Passaic Color John Wojciechowski, Fax: 973-279-3175	8/30/2005	No	No	No
Rohm & Haas Steven Volger, Fax: 215-592-2550	8/30/2005	No	No	No
United Color Tom Nowakowski, Fax: 215-860-8560	8/30/2005	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. 2314

To extend the suspension of duty on reduced vat blue 43.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 11, 2005

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

To extend the suspension of duty on reduced vat blue 43.

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. REDUCED VAT BLUE 43.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Heading 9902.03.04 of the Har-
5 monized Tariff Schedule of the United States (relating to
6 reduced vat blue 43) is amended by striking “12/31/2006”
7 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.