

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: November 8, 2005]<sup>2</sup>

**Bill No. and sponsor:** H.R. 2448 (Mr. Tim Murphy of Pennsylvania).

**Proponent name, location:** LANXESS Corporation, Pittsburgh, PA.

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

**Nature of bill:** Extension of temporary duty suspension through December 31, 2009.

**Retroactive effect:** None.

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

N,N-Diethyl-m-toluidine (DEMT) (CAS No. 91-67-8) (provided for in subheading 2921.43.90).

**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:**

DEMT is a synthetic organic chemical intermediate used principally in the production of certain synthetic color couplers for photographic film. DEMT is also used as an intermediate in the synthesis of dyestuffs, pigments and optical brighteners. This product is imported from Germany.

<sup>1</sup> Industry analyst preparing report: Eric Land (202-205-3349); Tariff Affairs contact: Dave Michels (202-205-3440).

<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: 2921.43.90</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	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Customs revenue loss <sup>1/</sup>	\$65,000	\$65,000	\$65,000	\$65,000	\$65,000

1/ Estimated revenue loss for 2005 and 2006 results from a current suspension of duty per heading 9902.32.12, which expires December 31, 2006.

Source of estimated dutiable import data: Industry estimates and Commission 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?
LANXESS Corporation (proponent) Steve Ziehm Phone 202-872-8181 e-mail: sziehm@ibgc.com	9/13/2005	No	No	No
Abbott Laboratories Elaine Leavenworth Fax: 202-783-6631	9/13/2005	No	No	No
Bayer Karen Niedermeyer Fax: 412-777-4740 Julie Von Egmund Fax: 202-737-8908	9/13/2005	No	No	No
Biddle Sawyer William Thonack Fax: 212-239-1089	9/13/2005	No	No	No
Ciba Specialty Chemicals John Deming Fax: 302-479-5152	9/13/2005	No	No	No
Clariant Corp. Andrew Zamoyski Fax: 401-823-2700	9/13/2005	No	No	No

E.I. DuPont Nancy Johnson Fax: 202-728-3649 Helen McMahon Fax: 302-774-1398 Elaine Olson Fax: 302-892-7343	9/13/2005	No	No	No
Eastman Chemical Co. Greg Riddle Fax: 703-524-7707 Jorge SanPedro Fax: 703-524-7707	9/13/2005	No	No	No
Honeywell International Art Simonetti Fax: 202-662-2675	9/13/2005	No	No	No
Noveon Tom Dirmyer Fax: 214-415-6001	9/13/2005	No	No	No
Monsanto Corp. Michael Parrish Fax: 202-789-1867 Linda Strachan Fax: 202-789-1867	9/13/2005	No	No	No
Rhodia Dominick Cangiana Fax: 609-860-1841	9/13/2005	No	No	No
Solutia Sue Cannon Fax: 314-674-1585 Dan Jenkins Fax: 314-674-1585	9/13/2005	No	No	No
Uniroyal Chemical Company Lloyd Moon Fax: 203-573-4430	9/13/2005	No	No	No

**Technical comments:**<sup>3</sup> None.

<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. 2448

To extend the temporary suspension of duty on DEMENT.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 18, 2005

Mr. MURPHY 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 DEMENT.

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. DEMENT.**

4       (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Heading 9902.32.12 of the Har-  
5       monized Tariff Schedule of the United States (relating to  
6       DEMENT) is amended by striking “12/31/2006” and insert-  
7       ing “12/31/2009”.

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 enactment of this Act.