

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

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

[Date approved: December 16, 2005]²

Bill No. and sponsor: H.R. 2833 (Mr. Henry Brown of South Carolina).

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

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

Nature of bill: Temporary duty suspension through December 31, 2009.

Retroactive effect: None.

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

2-Mercaptobenzothiazole, sodium salt (CAS No. 2492-26-4) as a 50 percent solution (provided for in subheading 2934.20.20).

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, also known as Na-Mercaptobenzothiazole (NaMBT), is a light brown liquid intermediate used in the production of vulcanization accelerators used in rubber processing industries such as automobile and tire production. It is also used as a corrosion inhibitor in formulated ethylene glycol antifreeze solutions. It is imported from Belgium.

Estimated effect on customs revenue:

HTS subheading: <u>2934.20.20</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	\$6,000,000	\$6,000,000	\$6,000,000	\$6,000,000	\$6,000,000
Customs revenue loss	\$390,000	\$390,000	\$390,000	\$390,000	\$390,000

Source of estimated dutiable import data: Industry estimates.

¹ Industry analyst preparing report: Robert Randall (202-205-3366); 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)		
Symrise, Inc. (Proponent) Jamie Schaeffer, 412-809-3666	10/3/2005	No	No	No
Chemtura Corporation Liz Thomasino, 203-573-2644	10/7/2005	Yes	Yes	Yes
Cytek Industries Andrew Tisler, 440-708-1444	10/7/2005	No	No	No
Dow Chemical Corporation Lisa Schroeter, 202-429-3400	10/7/2005	No	No	No
Flexsys America L.P. Bill Woodyard, 330-668-8273	10/7/2005	No	No	No
INDSPEC Chemical Corporation Joseph Aldameia, 412-338-2848	10/7/2005	No	No	No
Noveon Incorporated (Lubrizol) Pete Getzinger, 330-374-3577	10/7/2005	Yes	Yes	Yes
R.T. Vanderbilt Co. Elizabeth Scofield, 203-853-1400, x386	10/7/2005	No	No	No

Technical comments:³

The Commission suggests that the article description on page 1 of this report be used because it uses the preferred chemical name.

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. 2833

To suspend temporarily the duty on NaMBT.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 9, 2005

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

A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on NaMBT.

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. NAMBT.**

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:

“	9902.11.11	2 (3H)-benzothiazolethione sodium salt (CAS No. 2492–26–4) as a 50% solution (provided for in subheading 2934.20.20)	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 enactment of this Act.

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