

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. 2837 (Mr. Henry 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. 2159.

Nature of bill: Extension of temporary duty provision through December 31, 2008.

Retroactive effect: None.

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

Methanol, sodium salt (CAS No. 124-41-4) (provided for in subheading 2905.19.00).

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.

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					
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 estimated Customs revenue loss for 2005 and 2006 results from a duty suspension under HTS heading 9902.01.36 that expires on December 31, 2006.

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
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 Zamoyiski, 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

The Commission notes that this bill is identical to H.R. 1900 and H.R. 2159, and only one bill should be enacted.

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. 2837

To extend the duty suspension on sodium methyrate powder.

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 extend the duty suspension on sodium methyrate powder.

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. SODIUM METHYLATE POWDER.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Heading 9902.01.36 of the Har-
5 monized Tariff Schedule of the United States (relating to
6 sodium methyrate powder) 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.