

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC20436

**MEMORANDUM PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION  
of the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress<sup>1</sup>**

[Date approved: August 10, 2006]<sup>2</sup>

**Bill No. and sponsor:** S. 2706 (Mr. Rick Santorum of Pennsylvania)

**Proponent name, location:** Arkema Inc., Philadelphia, PA.

**Other bills on product (109<sup>th</sup> 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)):**

Dimethyl disulfide (CAS No. 624-92-0) (provided for in subheading 2930.90.90).

**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:**

Dimethyl disulfide is a synthetic organo-sulfur compound, whose major uses include: (1) activating hydro-processing catalysts; (2) run-length extension and carbon monoxide control in steam cracking furnaces; (3) passivation by mitigating corrosion, e.g., in sponge iron furnaces, acid crude oil processing and reformer and dehydrogenation units; and (4) as an intermediate in making herbicides and pesticides. The subject chemical is imported from France and China.

**Estimated effect on customs revenue:**

<b>HTS subheading: 2930.90.90</b>					
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
<del>Col. 1-General rate of duty</del>	3.7%	3.7%	3.7%	3.7%	3.7%
Estimated value of <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$7,015,000	\$4,361,500	\$5,795,000	\$6,160,000	\$6,772,000
Customs revenue loss	\$259,555	\$161,376	\$214,415	\$227,920	\$250,564

Source of estimated dutiable import data: Industry estimates.

<sup>1</sup> Industry analyst preparing report: Robert Randall (202-205-3366); Tariff Affairs contact: David 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).

**Contacts with domestic firms/organizations (including the proponent):**

Name of firm/organization	Date contacted	Claim US makes same or competing product(s)?	Submission attached?	Opposition noted?
		(Yes/No)		
Arkema Inc. (Proponent) Charles A. Kitchen, 703-527-2099	06/20/2006	No	No	No
Albemarle Corporation Barbara Little, Fax: 225-388-7686	07/10/2006	Yes	Yes	Yes
Moree-Tec Industries, Inc. Marketing Manager, Fax: 908-688-9005	06/23/2006	No	No	No
Penta Manufacturing Co. Marketing Manager, Fax: 973-740-1839	06/23/2006	No	No	No
Spectrum Chemical Mfg. Corp. Marketing Manager, Fax: 800-525-2299	06/23/2006	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 in order to remove the abbreviation (DMDS) from the article description.

<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.

**From:** Barbara\_Little@albemarle.com  
**Sent:** Monday, July 10, 2006 1:08 PM  
**Cc:** Barbara\_Little@albemarle.com; Johnson, Lawrence  
**Subject:** RE: Country/Countries of Origin

Mr. Johnson,

We heard that Arkema submitted Dimethyl Disulfide for duty suspension. I wanted to let you know that we are a US manufacturer of this product and would oppose any duty suspension. In fact, Arkema is one of our customers.

Let me know if you need any further information. Thank you.

Barbara

109<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# S. 2706

To suspend temporarily the duty on Dimethyl Disulfide (DMDS).

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 3, 2006

Mr. SANTORUM introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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## A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on Dimethyl Disulfide (DMDS).

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. DIMETHYL DISULFIDE (DMDS).**

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:

“	9902.29.32		Dimethyl Disulfide (DMDS) (CAS No. 624-92-0) (provided for in subheading 2930.90.90) .....		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

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

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