

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

**MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION
of the 109th Congress ¹**

[Date approved: October 11, 2006]²

Bill No. and sponsor: S. 3354 (Mr. Edward M. Kennedy of Massachusetts).

Proponent name, location: EC Pigments, Fall River, MA.

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)):

Basic Blue 7 (CAS No. 2390-60-5) (provided for in subheading 3204.13.80).

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:

This product is a synthetic organic dye that the proponent will use as an intermediate to make a blue pigment. The product is imported from India and China.

Estimated effect on customs revenue:

HTS subheading: 3204.13.80					
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
 					
Col. 1-General rate of duty	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$31,000	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$35,000
Customs revenue loss	\$2,015	\$2,275	\$2,275	\$2,275	\$2,275

Source of estimated dutiable import data: Industry estimates.

¹ Industry analyst preparing report: Stephen Wanser (202-205-3363); 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	Claim US makes same or competing product(s)?	Submission attached?	Opposition noted?
		(Yes/No)		
EC Pigments (Proponent) Jim DeLisi, 908-322-8440	04/20/2006	No	No	No
Allegheny Color Corp. Jon Gallisdorfer, 815-741-2588	04/20/2006	No	No	No
Apollo Color, Inc. Tom Rogers, 815-741-2588	04/20/2006	No	No	No
BASF Corp. Phil Webb, 704-398-25888	04/20/2006	No	No	No
Clariant Corp. Andy Zamoyski, 401-823-2230	04/20/2006	No	No	No
CDR Pigments & Dispersions Rucker Wickline, 270-737-1700	04/20/2006	No	No	No
Ciba Specialty Chemical Corp. John Demming, 302-479-5499	04/20/2006	No	No	No
Color Pigments Mfg Association Larry Robinson, 703-684-4044	04/20/2006	No	No	No
Diacolor-Pope Bob Turkos, 973-279-2702	04/20/2006	No	No	No
Engelhard Corporation Roland Valin, 732-205-7144	04/20/2006	No	No	No
Fuji Photo Film Co. (Avecia) Mike Gill, 202-508-8843	04/20/2006	No	No	No
Galaxie Chemical Corp. Richard Caldwell, 973-279-0558	04/20/2006	No	No	No
Magruder Color Co., Inc. Joel Weissglass, 973-241-1300	04/20/2006	No	No	No
Mason Color Works Inc. Carol Mason Cronin, 330-385-4400	04/20/2006	No	No	No
Max Marx Color Corp. Walter Sichel, 973-373-7801	04/20/2006	No	No	No
Sun Chemical Corp. Ed Faulkner, 513-681-5950	04/20/2006	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
2^D SESSION

S. 3354

To suspend temporarily the duty on Basic Blue 7.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 5, 2006

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

A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on Basic Blue 7.

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. BASIC BLUE 7.**

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:

“	9902.31.20	Basic Blue 7 (CAS No. 2390–60–5) (provided for in subheading 3204.13.80)	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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