

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

**MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION
of the 111th Congress¹**

[Date approved: April 2, 2010]²

Bill No. and sponsor: S. 1841 (Ms. Maria Cantwell of Washington).

Proponent name,³ location: Tessengerlo Kerley, Inc., Phoenix, AZ.

Other bills on product (111th Congress only): None.

Nature of bill: Temporary duty suspension through December 31, 2011.

Retroactive effect: None.

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

3-*tert*-Butyl-5-chloro-6-methyluracil (Terbacil) (CAS No. 5902-51-2) (provided for in subheading 2933.59.10).

Check one: ___ Same as that in bill as introduced.
 X Different from that in bill as introduced (see Technical comments section).

Product information, including uses/applications and source(s) of imports:

The subject product is a selective systemic herbicide for controlling annual and perennial weeds in a variety of crops, including mint. The subject product is imported from Japan.

Estimated effect on customs revenue for the subject product classifiable in HTS subheading: 2933.59.10

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
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 ^a	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000
Customs revenue loss ^b	\$162,500	\$162,500	\$162,500	\$162,500	\$162,500

a/ Dutiable import estimates were provided by industry sources.

b/ At the request of Congress, customs revenue loss is provided for 5 years, although the effective period of the proposed legislation may differ.

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² Access to an electronic copy of this memorandum is available at http://www.usitc.gov/tariff_affairs/congress_reports/.

³ The sponsor did not identify any additional beneficiaries of this bill.

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)		
Tessengerlo Kerley Inc. (Proponent) Brian Thomassen, 602-889-8300 bthomassen@tkinet.com	11/20/2009	No	No	No
Arkema Inc. (Atofina) Brian Sowa, 202-467-5459 Brian@strategicmi.com	11/20/2009	No	No	No
BASF Corp. Greg Thies, 202-299-7240 gregory.theis@basf.com	11/20/2009	No	No	No
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CropLife America Doug Nelson, 202-872-3880 dnelson@croplifeamerica.org	11/20/2009	No	No	No
Dow AgroSciences Max Turnipseed, 225-338-0310 mctint@att.net Lisa Schroeter, 202-429-3407 lmschroeter@dow.com	11/20/2009	No	No	No
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Monsanto Corp. Michael Parrish, 202-383-2859 michael.parrish@monsanto.com	11/20/2009	No	No	No
Nufarm Limited Joel R. Junker, 206-621-7878 joel@jrjtradelaw.com emily@jrjtradelaw.com	11/20/2009	No	No	No
Solutia Inc. Kassie Wooton, 314-674-3297 kdwoot@solutia.com Robert Hurley The Accord Group, 202-289-9800 rhurley@theaccordgroup.com	11/20/2009	No	No	No
Syngenta Crop Protection, Inc. Angus Kelly, 202-632-6084 angus.kelly@syngenta.com	11/20/2009	No	No	No
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Technical comments:⁴

The Commission staff suggests using the article description as shown on page 1 of this report in order to capitalize the chemical name (i.e., Butyl) and to present “*tert*” in italics.

⁴ 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.

111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1841

To suspend temporarily the duty on Terbacil.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 22, 2009

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

A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on Terbacil.

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. TERBACIL.**

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:

“	9902.01.00	3-tert-butyl-5-chloro-6-methyluracil (Terbacil) (CAS No. 5902-51-2) (provided for in subheading 2933.59.10)	Free	No change	No change	On or before 12/31/2011	”.
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8 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
9 subsection (a) applies to articles entered, or withdrawn

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

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