

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

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

[Date approved: August 2, 2006]²

Bill No. and sponsor: S. 2542 (Mr. James M. Talent of Missouri).

Proponent name, location: BASF Corporation, Florham Park, NJ.

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)):

1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene (CAS No. 120-82-1) (provided for in subheading 2903.69.10).

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:

1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene is a synthetic organic chemical that is used to produce an agricultural intermediate, which is further processed into an herbicide that is primarily used on corn. The subject product is imported from China, Germany, India, and Mexico.

Estimated effect on customs revenue:

HTS subheading: <u>2903.69.10</u>					
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Col. 1-General rate of duty					
Col. 1-General rate of duty	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$4,750,000	\$4,750,000	\$4,750,000	\$4,750,000	\$4,750,000
Customs revenue loss	\$261,250	\$261,250	\$261,250	\$261,250	\$261,250

Source of estimated dutiable import data: Industry estimates.

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.

109TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

S. 2542

To suspend temporarily the duty on trichlorobenzene.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 5, 2006

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

A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on trichlorobenzene.

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. TRICHLOROENZENE.**

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:

“	9902.06.03	Trichlorobenzene (CAS No. 120–82–1) (provided for in subheading 2903.69.10)	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 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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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)		
BASF Corporation (Proponent) Greg Thies, 202-904-2332 Tom Coleman, 202-289-3900	5/03/2006, 5/09/2006, 5/11/2006	No	No	No
AtoFina Cerex Charles Kitchin, Fax: 703-527-2092	5/09/2006	No	No	No
Bayer Karen Niedermeyer, 412-777-2058 Will Hensley, 202-756-3781	5/09/2006	No	No	No
Clariant Corporation Andrew Zamoyski, 202-415-9159	5/09/2006	No	No	No
Crop Life America Lawrence Norton, Fax: 202-463-0474	5/09/2006	No	No	No
Dow AgroSciences Lisa Schroeter, Fax: 202-429-3467	5/09/2006	No	No	No
Dupont Helen McMahon, Fax: 302-355-2994	5/09/2006	No	No	No
FMC Corp. Jerry Prout, 202-956-5219	5/09/2006	No	No	No
LANXESS Jamie Schaeffer, 412-809-3666	5/09/2006	No	No	No
Monsanto Corp. Linda Strachan, 202-383-2849 Michael Parrish, Fax: 202-789-1867	5/09/2006	No	No	No
Syngenta Crop Protection Mike Blythe, 336-632-6000	5/09/2006	No	No	No
Valent USA Robin Demouth, Fax: 925-256-2776	5/09/2006	No	No	No

Technical comments:³

The Commission suggests that the article description on page 1 of this report be used in the proposed new heading in order to provide the correct 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.