

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20436

**MEMORANDUM ON 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. 2851 (Mr. Jim DeMint of South Carolina).

**Proponent name, location:** Symrise Inc., Goose Creek, SC.

**Other bills on product (109<sup>th</sup> Congress only):** H.R. 1900, H.R. 2159, and H.R. 2837.

**Nature of bill:** Extension of existing temporary duty suspension through December 31, 2009.

**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 that is used as an intermediate in the manufacture of pesticides, sunscreens, and biodiesel fuel. The subject compound is imported from Germany.

**Estimated effect on customs revenue:**

<b>HTS subheading: <u>2905.19.00</u></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 <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 2006 reflects the existing 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):**

<sup>1</sup> Industry analyst preparing report: Jeff Clark (202-205-3318); 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).

Name of firm/organization	Date contacted	Claim US makes same or competing product(s)?	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
Amspec Chemical Corp. John Gustavsen, 856-456-3930	08/11/2005	No	No	No
Bayer CropScience Will Hensley, 202-756-3781	07/12/2005	No	No	No
Clariant Corporation Andrew Zamoyski, 202-415-9159	08/01/2005	No	No	No
Dow AgroSciences Lisa Schroeter, 202-429-3400	07/12/2005	No	No	No
Dupont Elaine Olsen, 302-992-2263	07/12/2005	No	No	No
Eli Lilly Kathy Karol, 202-393-7950	08/01/2005	No	No	No
FMC Corp. Jerry Prout, 202-956-5200	07/12/2005	No	No	No
International Flavors & Fragrances Tom Kinlin, 732-264-4500	08/01/2005	No	No	No
Monsanto Corp. Linda Strachan, 202-783-2460	07/12/2005	No	No	No
Procter & Gamble Jim McCarthy, 202-393-4606	08/01/2005	No	No	No
Syngenta Mike Blythe, 336-632-6000	07/12/2005	No	No	No

**Technical comments:**<sup>3</sup> None.

<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.

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

# S. 2851

To extend the temporary suspension of duty on sodium methyrate powder  
(NA methyrate powder).

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 18, 2006

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

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## A BILL

To extend the temporary suspension of duty on sodium  
methyrate powder (NA 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. EXTENSION OF EXISTING DUTY SUSPENSION**

4 **ON SODIUM METHYLATE POWDER.**

5 (a) EXISTING DUTY SUSPENSION.—Heading  
6 9902.01.36 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the  
7 United States (relating to sodium methyrate powder) is  
8 amended by striking the date in the effective period col-  
9 umn and inserting “12/31/2009”.

1       (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
2 subsection (a) applies to goods entered, or withdrawn from  
3 warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after  
4 the date of enactment of this Act.

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