

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: November 10, 2005]<sup>2</sup>

**Bill No. and sponsor:** H.R. 2547 (Mr. James R. Langevin of Rhode Island).

**Proponent name, location:** Clariant Corporation, Coventry, RI.

**Other bills on product (109<sup>th</sup> Congress only):** None.

**Nature of bill:** Extension of temporary duty suspension through December 31, 2008.

**Retroactive effect:** None.

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

Solvent Blue 124 (CAS No. 29243-26-3) (provided for in subheading 3204.19.20)

**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:**

Solvent Blue 124 is a synthetic organic chemical dye used as a charge control agent (CCA) for black electrophotographic toners. Its uniqueness lies in its charge level and its ability to also enhance the intensity of the black toner due to its blue color. It is imported from Germany.

**Estimated effect on customs revenue:**

HTS subheading: <u>3204.19.20</u>					
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
<del>Col. 1-General rate of duty</del>					
Col. 1-General rate of duty	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$195,000	\$175,000	\$155,000	\$140,000	\$126,000
Customs revenue loss <sup>1/</sup>	\$12,675	\$11,375	\$10,075	\$9,100	\$8,190

<sup>1/</sup> The estimated revenue loss for 2005 and 2006 results from a temporary duty suspension under HTS heading 9902.32.73 that expires on December 31, 2006.

Source of estimated dutiable import data: Industry estimates and Commission estimates.

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<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	US production of same or competitive product claimed?	Submission attached?	Opposition noted?
		(Yes/No)		
Clariant Corporation (Proponent) Andrew Zamoyski Fax: 401-823-2700	9/13/2005	No	No	No
BASF Joseph C. Bruening Fax: 704-587-7903	9/20/2005	No	No	No
Bayer Karen Niedermeyer Fax: 412-777-4740	9/20/2005	No	No	No
CMPA Larry Robinson Fax: 703-684-1795	9/20/2005	No	No	No
Ciba Specialty Chemicals John Deming Fax: 302-479-5152	9/20/2005	No	No	No
ColorChem Steven Printz Fax: 770-993-4780	9/20/2005	No	No	No
Color Resources International Inc. Wayne Jones Fax: 864-862-6824	9/20/2005	No	No	No
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**Technical comments:**<sup>3</sup> None.

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<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  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 2547

To extend the temporary suspension of duty on Solvent blue 124.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 23, 2005

Mr. LANGEVIN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Ways and Means

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## A BILL

To extend the temporary suspension of duty on Solvent blue  
124.

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. SOLVENT BLUE 124.**

4       (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Heading 9902.32.73 of the Har-  
5       monized Tariff Schedule of the United States (relating to  
6       Solvent blue 124) is amended by striking “12/31/2006”  
7       and inserting “12/31/2008”.

8       (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by  
9       subsection (a) applies to goods entered, or withdrawn from

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

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