

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: October 24, 2006]<sup>2</sup>

**Bill No. and sponsor:** S. 3140 (Mr. Saxby Chambliss of Georgia).

**Proponent name, location:** ColorChem International Corp., Atlanta, GA.

**Other bills on product (109<sup>th</sup> 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)):**

Cerium sulfide pigments (CAS No. 12014-93-6 and CAS No. 12031-49-1) (provided for in subheading 3206.49.50).

**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:**

The subject products are inorganic pigments that are used in various coatings applications and in the plastics industry to color high temperature plastics such as nylon or polycarbonate. The subject products are imported from China, France, and India.

**Estimated effect on customs revenue:**

| <b>HTS subheading: <u>3206.49.50</u></b>  |             |             |             |             |             |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|  | 2006        | 2007        | 2008        | 2009        | 2010        |
| Col. 1-General rate of duty   | 3.1%        | 3.1%        | 3.1%        | 3.1%        | 3.1%        |
| Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports   | \$1,950,000 | \$1,950,000 | \$1,950,000 | \$1,950,000 | \$1,950,000 |
| Customs revenue loss  | \$60,450    | \$60,450    | \$60,450    | \$60,450    | \$60,450    |

Source of estimated dutiable import data: Industry 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 | Claim US makes same or competing product(s)? | Submission attached? | Opposition noted? |
|--|----------------|--|----------------------|-------------------|
|  |                | (Yes/No)                                     |                      |                   |
| ColorChem International Corp. (Proponent)<br>Steven Printz, 770-993-5500 | 07/20/2006     | No   | No                   | No                |
| Apollo Color, Inc.<br>Tom Rogers, 815-722-3965                           | 07/20/2006     | No   | No                   | No                |
| BASF Corp.<br>Phil Webb, 704-398-2588                                    | 07/20/2006     | No   | No                   | No                |
| CDR Pigments & Dispersions<br>Rucker Wickline, 270-737-1700              | 07/20/2006     | No   | No                   | No                |
| Ciba Specialty Chemical Corp.<br>John Demming, 302-479-5499              | 07/20/2006     | No   | No                   | No                |
| Clariant Corp.<br>Andy Zamoyski, 401-823-2230                            | 07/20/2006     | No   | No                   | No                |
| Diacolor-Pope<br>Bob Turkos, 973-279-2702                                | 07/20/2006     | No   | No                   | No                |
| Fanwood Chemical Co.<br>Jim DeLisi, 908-322-8440                         | 07/20/2006     | No   | No                   | No                |
| Galaxie Chemical Corp.<br>Richard Caldwell, 973-279-0558                 | 07/20/2006     | No   | No                   | No                |
| Magruder Color Co., Inc.<br>Joel Weissglass, 973-241-1300                | 07/20/2006     | No   | No                   | No                |
| Mason Color Works, Inc.<br>Carol Mason Cronin, 330-385-4400              | 07/20/2006     | No   | No                   | No                |
| Max Marx Color Corp.<br>Walter Sichel, 973-373-7801                      | 07/20/2006     | No   | No                   | No                |
| PMC Inc.<br>Gordon McCullough, 847-615-3400                              | 07/20/2006     | No   | No                   | No                |
| Sun Chemical Corp.<br>Ed Faulkner, 513-681-5950                          | 07/20/2006     | 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. 3140

To suspend temporarily the duty on cerium sulfide pigments.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 25, 2006

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

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## A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on cerium sulfide pigments.

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. CERIUM SULFIDE PIGMENTS.**

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:

|   |            |  |   |  |      |  |           |  |           |  |                         |    |
|---|------------|--|---|--|------|--|-----------|--|-----------|--|-------------------------|----|
| “ | 9902.32.11 |  | Cerium sulfide pigments (CAS No. 12014–93–6 and CAS No. 12031–49–1) (provided for in subheading 3206.49.50) |  | Free |  | No change |  | No change |  | On or before 12/31/2009 | ”. |
|---|------------|--|---|--|------|--|-----------|--|-----------|--|-------------------------|----|

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 the enactment of this Act.

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