

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: January 7, 2007]<sup>2</sup>

**Bill No. and sponsor:** S. 3444 (Mr. Harry Reid of Nevada).

**Proponent name, location:** Unknown.

**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)):**

1H-Imidazole-4-methanol, 5-methyl-2-phenyl- (CAS No. 13682-32-1) (provided for in subheading 2933.29.90).

**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 synthetic organic chemical that is used as a heat-activated curing agent for epoxy coatings and castings. The product is imported from Japan.

**Estimated effect on customs revenue:**

HTS subheading: <u>2933.29.90</u>					
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
<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	\$1000	\$1000	\$1000	\$1000	\$1000
Customs revenue loss	\$65	\$65	\$65	\$65	\$65

Source of estimated dutiable import data: Industry estimates.

**Contacts with domestic firms/organizations:**

<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)		
Added Value Technology Dan Shinnick, 952-881-3365	09/06/2006	No	No	No
Air Products and Chemicals Molly Troutman, 610-481-4003	09/05/2006	No	No	No
Ashland Chemical Mike Toohey, Fax: 202-293-2913	08/24/2006	No	No	No
BASF Corp. Greg Thies, Fax: 202-558-5101 Steve Ziehm, Fax: 202-872-8696	09/01/2006	No	No	No
Bayer Corp. Karen Niedermeyer, Fax: 412-777-4740	09/01/2006	No	No	No
Ciba Specialty Chemicals Corp. John Demming, Fax: 302-479-5152	09/01/2006	No	No	No
Coates Circuit Products Lauri Novak, lauri.novak@coates.com Stuart Down, stuart.down@coates.com	09/07/2006	No	No	No
Cookson Electronics Jim Kenny, 503-880-6069	09/06/2006	No	No	No
Dow Lisa Schroeter, Fax: 202-429-3467	09/01/2006	No	No	No
Dupont Nancy Johnson, Fax: 202-728-3649	09/01/2006	No	No	No
Eastman Chemical Jorge San Pedro, Fax: 703-524-7707	08/24/2006	No	No	No
Gabriel Performance Products Leonard J. Boehm, 440-992-3254	09/06/2006	No	No	No
GlaxoSmithKline William Schuyler, Fax: 202-715-1001	08/24/2006	No	No	No
Great Lakes Chemical Robert Lee, Fax: 765-497-6040	08/24/2006	No	No	No
Hexion Specialty Chemicals Howard P. Franck, 832-366-2359	09/06/2006	No	No	No
Huntsman Advanced Materials Derek Kincaid, 281-719-7623	09/06/2006	No	No	No

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Lonza, Inc. Ray Esposito, Fax: 201-696-3487	08/24/2006	No	No	No
Perstop Polyols, Inc. Jeff Jones, Fax: 419-729-3291	08/24/2006	No	No	No
Reichhold Chemicals, Inc. Daniel Giles, Fax: 919-990-7749	09/01/2006	No	No	No
Tennant Co. Mary Heie, Fax: 763-513-1808	08/24/2006	No	No	No
Total Specialty Chemicals, Inc. Tad Acker, Fax: 203-966-1505	08/24/2006	No	No	No
Union Carbide Jim Murray, Fax: 202-347-1684	08/24/2006	No	No	No

**Technical comments:<sup>3</sup>**

The Commission suggests that the article description on page 1 of this report be used because it deletes “(9CI)” and presents the CAS number in front of the HTS subheading number.

<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. 3444

To suspend temporarily the duty on 1H-Imidazole-4-methanol, 5-methyl-2-phenyl-(9Cl).

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 6, 2006

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

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## A BILL

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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. 1H-IMIDAZOLE-4-METHANOL, 5-METHYL-2-**  
4 **PHENYL-(9Cl).**

5        (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 99 of  
6 the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States is  
7 amended by inserting in numerical sequence the following  
8 new heading:

“	9902.29.12	1H-Imidazole-4-methanol, 5-methyl-2-phenyl-(9Cl) (provided for in subheading 2933.29.90) (CAS No. 13682-32-1) .....	Free	No change	No change	On or before 12/31/2009	”.
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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 the enactment of this Act.

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