

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

**MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION
of the 109th Congress ¹**

[Date approved: September 27, 2006]²

Bill No. and sponsor: S. 3292 (Mr. George Allen of Virginia).

Proponent name, location: Hamilton-Beach/Proctor-Silex, Glen Allen, VA.

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)):

Dual-grid electric sandwich grillers, each with lock and floating upper lid (provided for in subheading 8516.60.60)

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:

A dual-grid household sandwich maker is a household electrical appliance used to toast sandwiches, commonly referred to as a Panini press. Each sandwich maker has two indented, removable hot plates that press or clamp together around the food being toasted. Typically two sandwiches can be toasted at a time. The floating upper lid or ribbed plate and lock permit adjustment by the thickness of the sandwiches being prepared and allow the user to apply a precise amount of pressure to the sandwiches. The hot plates are heated by electrical coils inside the appliance. The subject sandwich makers typically have an indicator light to signal when the sandwich is cooked. The principal source of these sandwich makers is China.

¹ Industry analyst preparing report: Ruben Mata (202-205-3403); Tariff Affairs contact: Jan Summers (202-205-2605).

² Access to an electronic copy of this memorandum is available at http://usitc.gov/tata/hts/other/rel_doc/bill_reports/index.htm.

Estimated effect on customs revenue:

HTS subheading: 8516.60.60					
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Col. 1-General rate of duty	2.7%	2.7%	2.7%	2.7%	2.7%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$17,049,600	\$17,049,600	\$17,049,600	\$17,049,600	\$17,049,600
Customs revenue loss	\$460,339	\$460,339	\$460,339	\$460,339	\$460,339

Source of estimated dutiable import data: Official U.S. Government statistics and industry and Commission estimates.

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)		
Hamilton Beach/Proctor-Silex (Proponent) Tripp Dillard, 804-418-7759	08/09/2006	No	No	No
Applica, Inc. Harry D. Schulman, 888-677-7251	08/17/2006	No	No	No
Back to Basics Co. Mark Beasley, 801-523-6600	08/17/2006	No	Yes	Yes
Conair Corp. Leandro P. Rizzuto, 203-975-4600	08/11/2006	No	No	No
National Presto Industries MaryJo Cohen, 715-839-2121	08/14/2006	No	Yes	Yes
Salton, Inc. Gary Nash, 866-373-5866	08/07/2006	No	No	No
West Bend Housewares Craig Radke, 262-334-6949	08/09/2006	No	No	No

Technical comments:³

To describe the subject goods more clearly, it is suggested that the article description be modified as shown on page 1.

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.

109TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 3292

To suspend temporarily the duty on dual-press sandwich makers with floating upper lid and lock.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 26, 2006

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

A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on dual-press sandwich makers with floating upper lid and lock.

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. DUAL-PRESS SANDWICH MAKERS WITH FLOAT-**
4 **ING UPPER LID AND LOCK.**

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:

“	9902.85.21	Dual-press sandwich makers with floating upper lid and lock (provided for in subheading 8516.60.60)	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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