

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: September 28, 2006]<sup>2</sup>

**Bill No. and sponsor:** S. 3296 (Mr. George Allen of Virginia).

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

**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)):**

Open-top electric grills designed for indoor use (provided for in subheading 8516.60.60).

**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:**

An open-top electric indoor grill consists of a plastic housing and drip tray, a non-stick heating surface and a slightly slanted grated surface which permits fat and other coagulants to sluice down and away from the primary grilling items. Open-top electric indoor grills can be used for preparing various types of meats such as hamburgers, chicken, turkey, or grilled sandwiches. The proponent's open-top grill can be used indoors or outdoors for preparation of various types of foods, including those that are too delicate for use in a traditional electric two-sided contact grill. Unlike clamshell-design grills, this open-top grill consists of plastic handles, and a variable heat dial for maximum grilling control, and resembles an outdoor grill in that food must be turned to assure even grilling results. The principal import source of electric indoor grills is China.

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

<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).

**Estimated effect on customs revenue:**

<b>HTS subheading: 8516.60.60</b>					
	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	\$825,000	\$835,000	\$840,000	\$840,000	\$840,000
Customs revenue loss	\$22,275	\$22,545	\$22,680	\$22,680	\$22,680

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
Back to Basics Co. Mark Beesley, 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
Select Brands Eric Endres, 913-663-4500	08/09/2006	No	No	No
West Bend Housewares Craig Radke, 262-334-6949	08/09/2006	No	No	No

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

It is suggested that the article description be modified slightly, as shown on page 1, to clarify its coverage.

<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.

109TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# S. 3296

To suspend temporarily the duty on open-top electric indoor grills.

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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

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## A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on open-top electric indoor grills.

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. OPEN-TOP ELECTRIC INDOOR GRILLS.**

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:

“	9902.85.22	Open-top electric indoor grills (provided for in subheading 8516.60.60) .....	Free	No change	No change	On or before 12/31/2009	”.
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8 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
9 subsection (a) applies to goods entered, or withdrawn from

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

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