

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

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

[Date approved: September 28, 2006]²

Bill No. and sponsor: S. 3298 (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)):

Electrothermic coffee percolators (provided for in subheading 8516.71.00).

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 electric coffee percolator consists of a pot with a chamber at the bottom and a vertical tube which leads from this chamber to the top of the percolator. The coffee percolator has an electric heating element which makes the temperature rise until the water in the chamber boils. A one-way valve at the bottom of the tube forces some of the boiling water up the tube, and it is distributed at the top over the perforated lid of the coffee chamber. The water then seeps through the coffee grounds and leaves the coffee chamber through the bottom, dropping back into the lower half of the pot. Electric coffee percolators are used to make warm coffee. The principal import source of electric percolators 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: 8516.71.00					
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Col. 1-General rate of duty	3.7%	3.7%	3.7%	3.7%	3.7%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$5,000,000	\$5,500,000	\$5,500,000	\$5,500,000	\$5,500,000
Customs revenue loss	\$185,000	\$203,500	\$203,500	\$203,500	\$203,500

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
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:³

It is suggested that the article description be modified as shown on page 1, to follow more closely the wording of the permanent tariff category.

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
2^D SESSION

S. 3298

To suspend temporarily the duty on electric percolators.

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 electric percolators.

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. ELECTRIC PERCOLATORS.**

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:

“	9902.85.18	Electric percolators (provided for in sub-heading 8516.71.00)	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

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

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