

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

**MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION
of the 111th Congress¹**

[Date approved: March 5, 2010]²

Bill No. and sponsor: S. 2216 (Mr. Christopher J. Dodd of Connecticut and Mr. Joseph I. Lieberman of Connecticut), 111th Congress.

Proponent name,³ location: Conair Corporation, Stamford, CN.

Other bills on product (111th Congress only): None.

Nature of bill: Temporary duty suspension through December 31, 2011.

Retroactive effect: None.

Suggested article description(s) for enactment (including appropriate HTS subheading(s)):

Food processors powered by direct induction electric motors, each having a multiple sealed bowl system with height adjusting seals in the bowl covers; having a blade lock that allows the processing blade to lock on to the processing bowl, with a bowl capacity of 2.8 liters or more but not over 3.85 liters for the largest bowl (provided for in subheading 8509.40.00).

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:

A food processor is a household appliance consisting of a container housing interchangeable rotating blades and used for preparing foods, as by shredding, slicing, chopping, or blending. A food processor also consists of a plastic work bowl that sits on a motorized drive shaft. The cover of the bowl has a feed tube through which foods can be added.

The proponent anticipates importing the subject product from China.

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² Access to an electronic copy of this memorandum is available at http://www.usitc.gov/tariff_affairs/congress_reports/.

³ The sponsor/proponent did not provide any additional beneficiaries of this bill.

Estimated effect on customs revenue for the subject product classifiable in HTS subheading 8509.40.00:

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Col. 1-General rate of duty					
Col. 1-General rate of duty	4.2%	4.2%	4.2%	4.2%	4.2%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports ^a	\$9,000,000	\$9,000,000	\$9,000,000	\$9,000,000	\$9,000,000
Customs revenue loss ^b	\$378,000	\$378,000	\$378,000	\$378,000	\$378,000

^a/Dutiable import estimates were provided by industry sources.

^b/ At the request of Congress, customs revenue loss is provided for 5 years, although the effective period of the proposed legislation may differ.

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)		
Conair Corporation (Proponent) John DeMilt 203-351-9453	12/01/2009	No	No	No
Hamilton-Beach Tripp Dillard, 804-418-7759	12/03/2009	No	No	No
Salton, Inc. Lisa Carstarphen, 954-883-1000	12/03/2009	No	No	No
Jarden Consumer Solutions Andy Hill, 561-912-4100	12/03/2009	No	No	No
Kitchenaid (a Whirlpool company) Main office, 616-923-5000 Sarah Bovim, 202-434-8993	12/03/2009	No	No	No
National Presto Industries MaryJo Cohen, 715-839-2121	12/03/2009	No	Yes	Yes
Viking Range Corp. Tabitha Wright, 662-451-1703	12/04/2009	No	No	No
Wolfgang Puck Mike Sanseverino, 954-989-6077	12/02/2009	No	No	No

Technical comments:⁴

None.

⁴ 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.

111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 2216

To suspend temporarily the duty on certain food processors.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 29, 2009

Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. LIEBERMAN) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on certain food processors.

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. CERTAIN FOOD PROCESSORS.**

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:

“	9902.01.00	Food processors powered by direct induction motors, each having a multiple sealed bowl system with height adjusting seals in the bowl covers; having a blade lock that allows the processing blade to lock on to the processing bowl, with a bowl capacity of 2.8 liters or more but not over 3.85 liters for the largest bowl (provided for in sub-heading 8509.40.00)	Free	No change	No change	On or before 12/31/2011	”.
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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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