

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

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

[Date approved: April 23, 2010]²

Bill No. and sponsor: S. 2523 (Mr. Bob Corker of Tennessee).

Proponent name,³ location: Electrolux Corp., Martinez, GA.

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)):

Electric cooktops, weighing approximately 10.3 kg or more but not over 20.9 kg, having manual control knobs, each with coil-type electric cooking elements or with a flat cooking surface with incorporated heating elements, the foregoing which are (1) approximately 66.0 or 76.2 cm in width and with 4 coils or heating elements, or (2) approximately 91.4 cm in width and with 5 coils or heating elements (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:

The subject product is a specific group of electric cooktops used to prepare food rapidly by the application of electric current to generate heat. Such cooktops are designed to be integrated with the kitchen cabinets and are thus referred to as “drop-in” units. Each one has a flat cooking surface and is designed to be set onto a countertop or mounted on base cabinet units. Electric cooktops of this general type may have electric coil cooking elements with 4 or more burners, or may have a surface of ceramic glass incorporating the various heating elements. Some cooktops utilize halogen elements for more rapid cooking or have elements whose size can be adjusted to the pan size in use. The subject cooktops are not designed as free-standing stoves or ranges (known as “stand-alone” units) that reach to the floor if placed between two kitchen cabinets and have outer side panels to allow use without adjacent cabinets. Although some cooktops have touchpad controls, the subject goods include only those with knobs allowing manual control of the burners. The principal import source of the subject electric cooktops 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://www.usitc.gov/tariff_affairs/congress_reports/.

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

Estimated effect on customs revenue for the subject product classifiable in HTS subheading 8516.60.60

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Col. 1-General rate of duty	2.7%	2.7%	2.7%	2.7%	2.7%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports ^a	\$13,300,000	\$15,000,000	\$16,500,000	\$18,500,000	\$20,000,000
Customs revenue loss ^b	\$359,100	\$405,000	\$445,500	\$499,500	\$540,000

a/ Dutiable import estimates were provided by industry.

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)		
Electrolux Corp. (Proponent) John Heer, 216-898-2332	12/04/2009	No	No	No
General Electric Corp. Lee Tyler, 202-637-4000	12/14/2009	No	No	No
Viking Range Corp. Bill Crump, 662-455-1200	01/4/2010	Yes	No	Yes
Whirlpool Corp. Luke Harms, 202-639-9397	12/14/2009	No	No	No

Technical comments:⁴

Based on input from the proponent and with a view to achieving an administrable description, it is suggested that the proposed article description be amended as shown on page 1.

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. 2523

To suspend temporarily the duty on certain electric cooktops.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 30, 2009

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

A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on certain electric cooktops.

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 ELECTRIC COOKTOPS.**

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	Electric cooktops each measuring approximately 66 cm or more but not over 91.44 cm in width, weighing approximately 10.3 kg or more but not more than 20.9 kg, having either a coil electric cooking element or smooth cooking surface with incorporated element with either 4 or 5 burners (provided for in sub-heading 8516.60.60)	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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