



MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION of the 112th Congress

Date approved

I. Background

Bill number:

Sponsor name:

Sponsor state:

Interested entity:

Name

City

State

Other bills on product (112th Congress only):

Nature of bill:

Expiration date:

Current or previous chapter 99 heading:

Retroactive date:

CAS number (if applicable):

Industry analyst:

Telephone:

Tariff Affairs contact:

Telephone:

Note:

1. Access to an electronic copy of this memorandum is available at http://www.usitc.gov/tariff_affairs/congress_reports/.
2. In regard to the country(ies) of origin listed in section III, this report focuses on dutiable imports and does not take into account any tariff preference programs or special rates of duty.

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

Portable electric grills with bases on wheels or casters, designed to utilize infrared cooking technology, each with a ceramic infrared re-emitter plate positioned between the heat source and food support grate, and with the plate and grate being of generally the same surface area of approximately 2,064 cm squared (provided for in subheading 8516.60.60)

(If enacted, the tariff relief provided for in this bill would be available to any entity that imports the product that is covered by the bill.)

Description above compared with bill as introduced:

- Same
- Different (see Technical Comments section)

III. Other product information, including uses/applications and source(s) of imports

The subject products use an electric thermal source to heat a plate (usually ceramic) located beneath the grill upon which the food is laid for grilling. The plate converts the thermal heat to infrared heat. China is the source of imports for this product. Opposition to this bill is noted below in the Contacts table.

IV. Estimated effect on customs revenue

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|--|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Subject product HTS subheading(s) | 8516.60.60 | | | | |
| Item | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
| Col.1-general rate of duty or percentage point reduction (%) | 2.7 | 2.7 | 2.7 | 2.7 | 2.7 |
| Estimated value of <i>dutiable</i> imports (\$) | 2,400,000 | 2,400,000 | 2,400,000 | 2,400,000 | 2,400,000 |
| Customs revenue loss (\$) | 64,800 | 64,800 | 64,800 | 64,800 | 64,800 |

Note: Customs revenue loss is provided for 5 years, although the effective period of the proposed legislation may differ. Regarding the HTS subheading listed in the article description of the bill, the Commission may express an opinion on the HTS classification of a product to facilitate consideration of the bill. However, by law, only U.S. Customs and Border Protection is authorized to issue a binding ruling on this matter. The Commission believes that Customs should be consulted prior to enactment of the bill.

Dutiable imports were based on (more than one may apply):

- Official statistics of the U.S. Department of Commerce
- Provided by industry sources
- Industry information
- Commission estimates

Duty reduction notes:

- This bill is not a duty reduction
- This bill is a temporary duty reduction. Rates are shown below.

Col.1-general duty rate (%) Temporary rate (%) Percentage point reduction (%)

V. Technical comments

The article description shown above has been revised for greater clarity, based on input from the Customs National Commodity Specialist.

VI. Continuation

VII. Contacts with domestic firms/organizations

| | # | Firm/organization and contact name | Telephone number | Claims same or competing product made in the United States | Submission attached | Opposition noted |
|--|---|---|-----------------------|--|---------------------|------------------|
| | 1 | Char-Broil (Interested entity) Marcel Meijer | 706-571-7000 x8936 | No | No | No |
| | 2 | Electric-Grill Technology Co. Richard Jones | 254-938-7073 | No | No | No |
| | 3 | Solaire Grills Rhett Rasmussen | 562-696-8718 | No | No | No |
| | 4 | Sunstone Metal Products Zeke Newmann | 512-487-5116 | No | No | No |
| | 5 | Thermal Engineering Corp. (TEC) R.K. Best | 803-783-0750 | No | No | No |
| | 6 | Weber-Stephen Products Nancy Mish | 847-934-5700 | No | No | No |
| | 7 | Wilmington Grill Co. Dave Barber | 910-793-1345 | Yes | Yes | Yes |

Mata, Ruben

From: Dave Barber <dave@wilmingtongrill.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 07, 2012 4:19 PM
To: Mata, Ruben
Subject: Proposed House bill 4644

Good afternoon Ruben,

It was a pleasure talking with you earlier today.

As a US Manufacturer of Stainless Steel Gas and Charcoal Grills I and the Wilmington Grill Company of Wilmington North Carolina oppose the granting of tariff reductions on foreign made imported grills. We are proud to make these products here in North Carolina and oppose us and our customers being put in such a price disadvantage.

Sincerely,
Dave Barber
Dave Barber
President
The Wilmington Grill Company
(910)793-1345

112TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 4644

To suspend temporarily the duty on certain portable electric grills.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 25, 2012

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on certain portable electric 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. CERTAIN PORTABLE ELECTRIC 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:

| | | | | | | | |
|---|------------|---|------|-----------|-----------|-------------------------|----|
| “ | 9902.01.00 | Portable electric grills with an infrared cooking system and 320 sq. in. of grilling surface (provided for in subheading 8516.60.60) | Free | No change | No change | On or before 12/31/2015 | ”. |
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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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