

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. 3303 (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)):**

Electromechanical food grinders or processors, the foregoing each with self-contained electric motor, designed to be positioned atop an accompanying bowl or on other bowls of similar diameter during use (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:**

The subject kitchen appliances are used to facilitate various repetitive and often difficult tasks in the process of preparation of food. A food slicer and shredder consists of an electrical motor which turns a vertical shaft positioned within an accompanying transparent plastic bowl. Shredding or slicing disks are attached to the shaft and spin near the top of the bowl. A lid with a “feed tube” is then fitted onto the bowl. The feed tube permits ingredients to be added while chopping, grinding or pureeing occurs. The tube also serves as a chute through which items are introduced to shredding or slicing disks. Unlike traditional food slicers and shredders, the proponent’s product allows the use of multiple reusable bowls that are available separately to permit the user to slice or shred food directly into each such bowls provided with the product; the additional bowls are intended to be used as “liners” in the permanent or accompanying bowl. The use of multiple bowls eliminates the need to empty and wash a permanent bowl between different ingredients. The multi-bowl slicer/shredder fits on the various bowls and empties the food directly into them. The principal import source of the subject appliances 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: 8509.40.00</b>					
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Col. 1-General rate of duty	4.2%	4.2%	4.2%	4.2%	4.2%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$3,155,000	\$3,155,000	\$3,155,000	\$3,155,000	\$3,155,000
Customs revenue loss	\$132,510	\$132,510	\$132,510	\$132,510	\$132,510

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
Applica, Inc. Harry D. Schulman, 888-677-7251	08/17/2006	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
Select Brands Eric Endres, 913-663-4500	08/09/2006	No	No	No

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

To describe the goods of interest to the proponent more clearly and to track more closely the language of the permanent tariff category, it is suggested that the article description be modified as shown on page 1. We suggest avoiding a distinction between “grinders” and “processors” if possible; the two types of appliance are covered by one nonlegal statistical reporting number in the current HTS.

<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. 3303

To suspend temporarily the duty on food slicers and shredders with top-mounted motors and replaceable mixing bowls.

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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

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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. FOOD SLICERS AND SHREDDERS WITH TOP-**  
4 **MOUNTED MOTORS AND REPLACEABLE MIX-**  
5 **ING BOWLS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 99 of  
7 the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States is  
8 amended by inserting in numerical sequence the following  
9 new heading:

“	9902.85.14	Food slicers and shredders with top-mounted motors and replaceable mixing bowls (provided for in subheading 8509.40.00) .....	Free	No change	No change	On or before 12/31/2009	”.
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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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