

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

**MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION
of the 110th Congress¹**

[Date approved: May 14, 2008]²

Bill No. and sponsor: H.R. 4765 (Mr. Robert C. “Bobby” Scott of Virginia).

Proponent name,³ location: Hamilton Beach Brands, Inc., Glenn Allen, VA.

Other bills on product (110th Congress only): None.

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

Retroactive effect: None.

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

Open-top electric grills designed for indoor use (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:

An open-top electric indoor grill consists of a plastic housing and drip tray, a non-stick heating surface, and a slightly slanted grated surface which permits fat and other coagulants to sluice down and away from the primary grilling items. Open-top electric indoor grills can be used for preparing various types of meats such as hamburgers, chicken, turkey, or grilled sandwiches. The proponent’s open-top grill can be used indoors or outdoors for preparation of various types of foods, including those that are too delicate for use in a traditional electric two-sided contact grill. Unlike clamshell-design grills, this open-top grill consists of plastic handles and a variable heat dial for maximum grilling control, and resembles an outdoor grill in that food must be turned to assure even grilling results. The principal import source of electric indoor grills is China, which shipped approximately \$156.4 million of the \$166.3 million in total dutiable imports under HTS subheading 8516.60.60 in 2007.

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/tata/hts/other/rel_doc/bill_reports/.

³ The sponsor/proponent identified one additional beneficiary of this bill. USITC staff sent an inquiry to the named beneficiary and received a response from the beneficiary. It submitted a written representation that it would benefit from this bill.

Estimated effect on customs revenue:

HTS subheading: 8516.60.60					
 	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Col. 1-General rate of duty	2.7%	2.7%	2.7%	2.7%	2.7%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$1,850,000	\$1,850,000	\$1,850,000	\$1,850,000	\$1,850,000
Customs revenue loss 1/	\$0	\$49,950	\$49,950	\$49,950	\$49,950

1/ There is an existing duty suspension under HTS heading 9902.23.45 that expires on December 31, 2009. Therefore, there will be no customs revenue loss related to this bill for 2009.
Source of estimated dutiable import data: Official U.S. Government statistics 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 Brands, Inc. (Proponent) Tripp Dillard, 804-418-7759	03/07/2008	No	No	No
Conair Corp.1/ Leandro P. Rizzuto, 203-975-4600	03/14/2008	No	No	No
National Presto Industries MaryJo Cohen, 715-839-2121	03/13/2008	No	No	No
Select Brands2/ Eric Endres, 913-663-4500	03/12/2008	No	No	No

1/ Conair Corp. is the parent company of the Cuisinart and Waring brand names.

2/ Select Brands is a private label manufacturer with several portable appliances brand names, such as Kitchen Selective, Select Pro, and Silhouette.

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.

110TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 4765

To extend the temporary suspension of duty on open top, electric indoor grills.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 17, 2007

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

A BILL

To extend the temporary suspension of duty on open top, electric indoor 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. OPEN TOP, ELECTRIC INDOOR GRILLS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Heading 9902.23.45 of the Har-
5 monized Tariff Schedule of the United States is amended
6 by striking “12/31/2009” and inserting “12/31/2011”.

7 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
8 subsection (a) applies with respect to goods entered, or

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

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