



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)):

Grill cleaning brushes with both removable steel bristle heads and multi-blade scrapers (provided for in subheading 9603.90.80)

(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 brushes are used to clean outdoor cooking grills and must be fitted with removable steel bristle heads and multi-blade scrapers. The brushes are imported under HTS statistical reporting number 9603.90.8050. Imports under that provision, which is broader than the bill's coverage, amounted to \$454 million in 2011, with China supplying 72 percent of the imports. Mexico was the second-leading supplier with a 7-percent share of total. Opposition to this bill is noted below in the Contacts table.

IV. Estimated effect on customs revenue

Subject product HTS subheading(s)	9603.90.80				
Item	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Col.1-general rate of duty or percentage point reduction (%)	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8
Estimated value of <i>dutiable</i> imports (\$)	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000
Customs revenue loss (\$)	8,400	8,400	8,400	8,400	8,400

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 in the bill has been modified in an effort to simplify it, but USITC staff note. That whether a particular brush is designed to be a "grill cleaning brush" is subject to interpretation. The term "heavy-duty" set forth in the bill as drafted is not defined and would likely present more significant interpretive issues. It is suggested that input from Customs and Border Protection officials might be useful in considering the scope of the bill.

VI. Continuation

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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, LLC (Interested entity) Marcel Meijer	706-571-7000 ext. 8936	No	No	No
2	E. Gornell & Sons, Inc. Gus Treslo	773-489-2330	No	No	No
3	Gordon Brush Manufacturing Co., Inc. Jillian Green	323-724-7777 ext. 250	No	No	No
4	Magnolia Brush Manufacturers, Ltd. Greta Moore	903-427-2261	No	No	No
5	Schaefer Brush Manufacturing Company, Inc. Ed Carlin	262-547-3500	No	No	No
6	Trim Brush Company Bruce Carton	973-887-2525	Yes	Yes	Yes
7	Young & Schwartz, Inc. Rafael E. Winzig	716-852-5652	No	No	No

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TrimBrush does object to the suspension of any import duties on any Grill Brushes.

Imported Grill Brushes take away American jobs, and Imported Grill Brushes bring inferior product quality and choices to American customers.

And we suspect Imported Grill Brushes are often subsidized in their manufacture and development by foreign countries.

TrimBrush does produce large amounts of Grill Brushes, and all are manufactured in the USA.

TrimBrush, and our wire brush assembly contractor employ dozens of people in the manufacture of Grill Brushes, all here in the USA.

Why would ANY AMERICAN want to further injure American employment and business by essentially subsidizing imported Grill Brushes, by eliminating their import duties.

The answer is – The Importers of Grill Brushes – who in effect destroy American jobs, and destroy American competitive industry.

Thank you,

Bruce Carton
Co-Owner
Trim Brush Company, Inc.

112TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 4646

To suspend temporarily the duty on certain grill brushes.

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 grill brushes.

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 GRILL BRUSHES.**

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	Heavy-duty grill cleaning brushes with both removable steel bristle heads and multi-blade scrapers (provided for in subheading 9603.90.80)	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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