

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

**MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION
of the 110th Congress ¹**

[Date approved: May 14, 2008]²

Bill No. and sponsor: H.R. 4768 (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)):

Dual-grid electric sandwich grillers, each with lock and floating upper lid (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:

A dual-grid household sandwich maker is an appliance used to toast sandwiches, commonly referred to as a panini press. Each sandwich maker has two indented, removable hot plates that press or clamp together around the food being toasted. Typically, two sandwiches can be toasted at a time. The floating upper lid or ribbed plate and lock permit adjustment by the thickness of the sandwiches being prepared and allow the user to apply a precise amount of pressure to the sandwiches. The hot plates are heated by electrical coils inside the appliance. The subject sandwich maker typically has an indicator light to signal when the sandwich is cooked. The principal source of these sandwich makers 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 (202-205-3405); 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 2 additional beneficiaries of this bill. USITC staff sent inquires to the named beneficiaries and received responses from 1. One 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	\$1,800,000	\$1,800,000	\$1,800,000	\$1,800,000	\$1,800,000
Customs revenue loss 1/	\$0	\$48,600	\$48,600	\$48,600	\$48,600

1/There is an existing duty suspension under HTS heading 9902.23.42 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
Applica, Inc. Terry Polistina, 954-883-1000	03/07/2008	No	No	No
Conair Corp. ^{1/} Chris Collins, 203-975-4600	03/10/2008	No	No	No
Focus Products Group ^{2/} David Beiny, 262-334-6949	03/10/2008	No	No	No
National Presto Industries Mary Jo Cohen, 715-839-2121	03/10/2008	No	No	No
Select Brands, Inc. ^{3/} Eric Endres, 913-663-4500	03/10/2008	No	No	No

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

2/ Back to Basics Co. and the West Bend Co. are operating divisions of the Focus Products Group.

3/ Select Brands is a private label manufacturer with several portable appliance 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. 4768

To extend the temporary suspension of duty on sandwich toaster 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 sandwich
toaster 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. SANDWICH TOASTER GRILLS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Heading 9902.23.42 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
9 withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after
10 the 15th day after the date of the enactment of this Act.