

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

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

[Date approved: June 13, 2008]²

Bill No. and sponsor: H.R. 4783 (Mr. David Wu of Oregon).

Proponent name,³ location: SawStop LLC, Tualatin, OR.

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

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

Retroactive effect: None.

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

Tilting arbor table saws with motors of an output equal to or greater than 1865 watts and less than 2611 watts and with contact detection and reaction systems (provided for in subheading 8465.91.00).

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:

Tilting arbor table saws are table saws that allow the cut depth or angle to be adjusted. A table saw typically has a heavy cabinet of cast-iron or similar material that acts as a base for the machine. Mounted on the base cabinet is a horizontal, smooth-surface table top. Mounted inside the cabinet is a motor that drives a circular saw blade. The saw blade protrudes through a slot in the table top, thus allowing the saw blade to cut wood workpieces that rest on the table top. The cutting depth is adjustable by raising or lowering the blade height through the slots in the table. This is accomplished typically by a worm gear driven by a hand crank that raises or lowers the arbor (i.e., shaft) on which the saw blade is mounted. The arbor is driven by an electric motor, either directly or by a pulley.

The subject tilting arbor table saws have a motor with an output equal to or greater than 1865 watts and less than 2611 watts. These saws also have a contact detection and reaction system that detects when a person contacts the spinning blade. The system reacts by stopping the blade before further injury occurs.

These saws are imported from Taiwan.

¹ Industry analyst preparing report: Dennis Fravel (202-205-3404); Tariff Affairs contact: Dan Shepherdson (202-205-2598).

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 did not identify any additional beneficiaries of this bill.

Estimated effect on customs revenue:

HTS subheading: 8465.91.00					
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Col. 1-General rate of duty	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$2,200,000	\$2,200,000	\$2,200,000	\$2,200,000	\$2,200,000
Customs revenue loss	\$66,000	\$66,000	\$66,000	\$66,000	\$66,000

Source of estimated dutiable import data: Commission estimates based on U.S. industry information.

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)		
SawStop, LLC (Proponent) David Fanning, 503-570-3200	04/10/2008	No	No	No
Black & Decker Corp. Natalie Shields, 410-716-3078	04/7/2008	No	No	No
Harbor Freight Tools LLC Suda Suebsang, 805-483-3988	04/10/2008	No	No	No
The Home Depot, Inc. Bryan Jacobs, 202-742-4461	04/8/2008	No	No	No
Laguna Tools Catherine Helshoj, 949-474-1200	04/9/2008	No	No	No
Lowe's Companies, Inc. Scott D. Mason, 704-758-1000	04/8/2008	No	No	No
Power Tool Institute, Inc. Susan M. Young, 216-241-7333	04/10/2008	No	Yes	Yes
Sears Holding Corp. Brad Shorse, 847-286-2757	04/9/2008	No	No	No
WMH Tool Group Bob Romano, 847-851-1083	04/9/2008	No	No	No
Woodworkers Supply, Inc. Richard Teska, 336-578-0500, ext. 3007	04/9/2008	No	Yes	No

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. 4783

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 18, 2007

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

A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on tilting arbor table saws with motors of an output equal to or greater than 1865 watts and less than 2611 watts and with contact detection and reaction systems.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. TILTING ARBOR TABLE SAWS WITH MOTORS OF**
 2 **AN OUTPUT EQUAL TO OR GREATER THAN**
 3 **1865 WATTS AND LESS THAN 2611 WATTS AND**
 4 **WITH CONTACT DETECTION AND REACTION**
 5 **SYSTEMS.**

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:

“	9902.01.00	Tilting arbor table saws with motors of an output equal to or greater than 1865 watts and less than 2611 watts and with contact detection and reaction systems (provided for in subheading 8465.91.00)	Free	No change	No change	On or before 12/31/2011	”.
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10 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
 11 subsection (a) applies to articles entered, or withdrawn
 12 from warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day
 13 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

