

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

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

[Date approved: August 8, 2008]²

Bill No. and sponsor: H.R. 5520 (Mr. Steve Cohen of Tennessee).

Proponent name,³ location: Hunter Fan Co., Inc., Memphis TN.

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)):

Ceiling fans for permanent installation (provided for in subheading 8414.51.30).

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:

Ceiling fans for permanent installation are devices suspended from the ceilings of rooms, which employ hub-mounted rotating paddles to circulate air in order to produce a cooling effect. Ceiling fans for permanent installation consist of several major components—an electric switch, motor, motor encasement, metal arms (known as blade irons), and two to six paddles (called blades) typically made of wood, metal, or plastic; the arms and blades mount below, on top, or on the side of the electric motor. The principal U.S. import source of ceiling fans for permanent installation is China. Dutiable U.S. imports under HTS subheading 8414.51.30 totaled \$14 million in 2007, but the customs value of all imports (including those entered under the existing duty suspension) exceeded \$808 million.⁴ China accounted for \$781.2 million of total imports and \$12.3 million in dutiable imports during that year.

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 did not identify any additional beneficiaries of this bill.

⁴ Importers must claim the benefits of duty suspension provisions for each shipment. No information is available on the shipments that entered with payment of duties.

Estimated effect on customs revenue:

HTS subheading: 8414.51.30					
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Col. 1-General rate of duty	4.7%	4.7%	4.7%	4.7%	4.7%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$780,000,000	\$780,000,000	\$780,000,000	\$780,000,000	\$780,000,000
Customs revenue loss ^{1/}	\$0	\$36,660,000	\$36,660,000	\$36,660,000	\$36,660,000

^{1/} There is an existing duty suspension under HTS heading 9902.84.14 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)	
Hunter Fan Co. (Proponent) David Knapp, 901-743-1360	05/27/2008	No	No	No
Emerson Electric Co. Robert D. McDonald, 202-508-6303	05/27/2008	No	No	No
Home Depot USA, Inc. Kevin Pinel, 770-384-3037, ext. 83323	05/27/2008	No	No	No
LG Sourcing, Inc. Scott Mason, 704-758-2340	5/27/2008	No	No	No
Marley Engineered Products, Div. of SPX Corp. Joe Alexander, 800-642-4328	5/27/2008	No	No	No

Technical comments:

None.

110TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 5520

To extend the temporary suspension of duty on ceiling fans for permanent installation.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 3, 2008

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

A BILL

To extend the temporary suspension of duty on ceiling fans for permanent installation.

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. CEILING FANS FOR PERMANENT INSTALLA-**
4 **TION.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Heading 9902.84.14 of the Har-
6 monized Tariff Schedule of the United States is amended
7 by striking the date in the effective period column and
8 inserting “12/31/2011”.

9 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
10 subsection (a) applies to goods entered, or withdrawn from

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

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