

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

**MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION
of the 109th Congress ¹**

[Date approved: September 27, 2006]²

Bill No. and sponsor: S. 3293 (Mr. George Allen of Virginia).

Proponent name, location: Hamilton Beach/Proctor-Silex, Glen Allen, VA.

Other bills on product (109th Congress only): None.

Nature of bill: Temporary duty suspension through December 31, 2009.

Retroactive effect: None.

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

Electromechanical drink mixers, each with self-contained two-speed electric motor and tilting mixing head (provided for in subheading 8509.40.00).

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:

An electric drink mixer is an appliance used to prepare milk shakes, malted milk, or other fountain or mixed drinks. It may be used to blend ingredients for omelettes or other recipes, but it lacks the additional functions and multi-speed motors commonly found on blenders. The proponent's drink mixer has a tilting mixing head, a spindle made of metal, and a stainless steel cup, and is powered by a two-speed motor. The tilting head permits the removal of the mixing cup for emptying and cleaning. The two-speed motor allows the machine to be used for drinks of various consistencies from thin to thick, or from malted milk to milkshakes. The principal import source of these products is China.

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://usitc.gov/tata/hts/other/rel_doc/bill_reports/index.htm.

Estimated effect on customs revenue:

HTS subheading: 8509.40.00					
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Col. 1-General rate of duty	4.2%	4.2%	4.2%	4.2%	4.2%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$11,400,000	\$11,900,000	\$11,900,000	\$11,900,000	\$11,900,000
Customs revenue loss	\$478,800	\$499,800	\$499,800	\$499,800	\$499,800

Source of estimated dutiable import data: Official U.S. Government statistics and industry 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/Proctor-Silex (Proponent) Tripp Dillard, 804-418-7759	08/09/2006	No	No	No
Back to Basics Co. Mark Beesley, 801-523-6600	08/17/2006	No	Yes	Yes
Conair Corp. Leandro P. Rizzuto, 203-975-4600	08/11/2006	No	No	No
Kitchen Aid Inc. Sarah Bovim, 202-434-8993	08/14/2006	No	No	No
National Presto Industries MaryJo Cohen, 715-839-2121	08/14/2006	No	Yes	Yes

Technical comments:³

To describe the subject product more clearly, it is suggested that the article description be modified as shown on page 1.

³ 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.

109TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 3293

To suspend temporarily the duty on electric drink mixers with tilt mixing heads and two-speed motors.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 26, 2006

Mr. ALLEN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on electric drink mixers with tilt mixing heads and two-speed motors.

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. ELECTRIC DRINK MIXERS WITH TILT MIXING**
4 **HEADS AND TWO-SPEED MOTORS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 99 of
6 the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States is
7 amended by inserting in numerical sequence the following
8 new heading:

“	9902.85.17	Electric drink mixers with tilt mixing heads and two-speed motors (provided for in subheading 8509.40.00)	Free	No change	No change	On or before	12/31/2009	”.
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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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