

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20436

**MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION  
of the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress<sup>1</sup>**

[Date approved: September 28, 2006]<sup>2</sup>

**Bill No. and sponsor:** S. 3297 (Mr. George Allen of Virginia).

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

**Other bills on product (109<sup>th</sup> 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 coffee grinders, with self-contained electric motor (provided for in subheading 8509.40.00).

**Check one:**     \_\_\_ Same as that in bill as introduced.  
                  X Different from that in bill as introduced (see Technical comments section).

**Product information, including uses/applications and source(s) of imports:**

An electric coffee grinder of subheading 8509.40.00 is a household appliance used to grind coffee beans. It is powered by a small electric motor and typically contains a stainless steel blade that is mounted low in an oval plastic dome housing and is used to cut coffee beans. Unlike most coffee grinders, the proponent's coffee grinder also has a selector setting that controls the fineness and consistency of the ground coffee beans. The top-half of a coffee grinder has a flat oval plastic lid, used to pour the ground coffee into an electric coffee maker. The principal import source of electric coffee grinders is China.

<sup>1</sup> Industry analyst preparing report: Ruben Mata (202-205-3403); Tariff Affairs contact: Jan Summers (202-205-2605).

<sup>2</sup> Access to an electronic copy of this memorandum is available at [http://usitc.gov/tata/hts/other/rel\\_doc/bill\\_reports/index.htm](http://usitc.gov/tata/hts/other/rel_doc/bill_reports/index.htm).

**Estimated effect on customs revenue:**

<b>HTS subheading : 8509.40.00</b>					
	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	\$14,040,000	\$14,040,000	\$14,040,000	\$14,040,000	\$14,040,000
Customs revenue loss	\$589,680	\$589,680	\$589,680	\$589,680	\$589,680

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
Applica Inc. Harry D. Schulman, 888-677-7251	08/17/2006	No	No	No
Back to Basics Co. Mark Beesley, 801-523-6600	08/17/2006	No	Yes	No
Jarden Consumer Solutions Rocky Rockingham, 561-912-4371	08/21/2006	No	No	No
Kitchen Aid Inc. Sara Bovim, 202-434-8993	08/14/2006	No	No	No
National Presto Industries MaryJo Cohen, 715-839-2121	08/14/2006	No	No	No

**Technical comments:<sup>3</sup>**

To track the language of the permanent tariff category more closely, it is suggested that the article description be modified as shown on page 1. We did not propose including the grind selector feature reportedly found only on proponent's goods. We note that, if the general duty rate proposed in the bill were 0.7 percent ad valorem rather than free, the estimated customs revenue loss from the bill would drop below \$500,000, assuming constant dutiable imports.

<sup>3</sup> 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.

109<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# S. 3297

To suspend temporarily the duty on electric coffee grinders.

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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

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## A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on electric coffee grinders.

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 COFFEE GRINDERS.**

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:

“	9902.85.09	Electric coffee grinders (provided for in subheading 8509.40.00) .....	Free	No change	No change	On or before 12/31/2009	”.
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8       (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
9 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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