

**BROOM CORN BROOMS:  
U.S. PRODUCERS' SHIPMENTS,  
IMPORTS FOR CONSUMPTION,  
EXPORTS, AND APPARENT  
CONSUMPTION, CALENDAR  
YEAR 1985**

**Report to the President on  
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REPORT TO THE PRESIDENT

U.S. International Trade Commission  
April 16, 1986

To the President:

In accordance with Executive Order No. 11377 of October 23, 1967 (copy attached), to assist the President in the exercise of his authority under headnote 3 to schedule 7, part 8, subpart A, of the Tariff Schedules of the United States (TSUS) (79 Stat. 948; 19 U.S.C. 1202), the U.S. International Trade Commission herein reports its judgment as to the estimated domestic consumption of broom corn brooms for 1985 and the basis for that estimate. For convenience, the Commission also reports corresponding data for 1983 and 1984.

Estimated consumption of broom corn brooms

In the judgment of the Commission, consumption of brooms wholly or in part of broom corn in 1983-85 was as shown in the table below:

Brooms wholly or in part of broom corn: U.S. consumption, 1983-85

(In dozens)

Type of broom	1983 <sup>1/</sup>	1984 <sup>2/</sup>	1985
Whiskbrooms of a kind provided for in TSUS items 750.26 to 750.28, inclusive.....	278,325	217,839	226,263
Other brooms of a kind provided for in TSUS items 750.29 to 750.31, inclusive.....	1,539,245	1,557,370	1,735,686
Total.....	1,817,570	1,775,209	1,961,949

<sup>1/</sup> As reported to the President on April 16, 1984.

<sup>2/</sup> As reported to the President on April 15, 1985.

Source: Compiled from data supplied by U.S. producers and the U.S. Customs Service.

Aggregate apparent consumption of broom corn brooms amounted to 2.0 million dozen in 1985, 11 percent higher than in 1984. Consumption of whiskbrooms of broom corn, which accounted for 12 percent of total consumption in 1985, was up 4 percent from 1984, while consumption of other brooms of broom corn, 88 percent of total consumption in 1985, increased by 11 percent.

Basis for the Commission's judgment with respect to broom corn brooms

The Commission estimated consumption of broom corn brooms in 1985 by the same methods it used to estimate consumption in its previous reports pursuant to Executive Order No. 11377. Apparent annual consumption was determined by adding the quantity of shipments by domestic producers to the quantity of imports and then subtracting the quantity of exports. Data on imports were obtained from the U.S. Customs Service; data on shipments and exports were estimated from responses to questionnaires sent to all known domestic producers of broom corn brooms.

The data for each of the components used in the computation of apparent annual consumption of broom corn brooms were as shown in the following table.

Whiskbrooms provided for in TSUS items 750.26 to 750.28, inclusive, and other brooms provided for in TSUS items 750.29 to 750.31, inclusive: U.S. producers' shipments, imports, exports, and apparent consumption, 1983-85

(In dozens)

Item	1983 1/	1984 2/	1985
	<u>Whiskbrooms provided for in TSUS items 750.26 to 750.28, inclusive</u>		
U.S. producers' shipments.....	208,458	134,090	146,276
Imports.....	70,076	83,918	80,669
Exports.....	209	169	682
Apparent consumption.....	278,325	217,839	226,263
	<u>Other brooms provided for in TSUS items 750.29 to 750.31, inclusive</u>		
U.S. producers' shipments.....	1,370,832	1,477,540	1,629,100
Imports.....	170,092	82,170	111,011
Exports.....	1,679	2,340	4,425
Apparent consumption.....	1,539,245	1,557,370	1,735,686
	<u>Total for all brooms provided for in TSUS items 750.26 to 750.31, inclusive</u>		
U.S. producers' shipments.....	1,579,290	1,611,630	1,775,376
Imports.....	240,168	166,088	191,680
Exports.....	1,888	2,509	5,107
Apparent consumption.....	1,817,570	1,775,209	1,961,949

1/ As reported to the President on April 16, 1984.

2/ As reported to the President on April 15, 1985.

Source: Compiled from data supplied by U.S. producers and the U.S. Customs Service.

U.S. producers' shipments. -- Total U.S. producers' shipments of broom corn brooms, including whiskbrooms, amounted to 1.8 million dozen in 1985, 10 percent greater than in 1984. Shipments of whiskbrooms of broom corn, which were 8 percent of total shipments in 1985, increased by 9 percent from the 1984 level, while shipments of other brooms of broom corn, 92 percent of the 1985 total, increased by 10 percent from the previous year.

Imports.--U.S. imports of broom corn brooms totaled 192,000 dozen in 1985, 15 percent higher than in 1984. Imports of whiskbrooms of broom corn in 1985 decreased by 4 percent from the 1984 level to 80,669 dozen, whereas imports of other brooms of broom corn increased to 111,000 dozen in 1985, or by 35 percent. Hungary, which supplied virtually all the imports of whiskbrooms of broom corn, and Mexico, which supplied the bulk of imports of other brooms of broom corn, have traditionally been the most important sources of U.S. imports.

The ratio of imports to consumption for all brooms of broom corn was 10 percent in 1985, up from 9 percent in 1984. The ratio of imports to consumption for whiskbrooms of broom corn in 1985 was 36 percent, down from 39 percent in 1984, while that for other brooms of broom corn in 1985 was 6 percent, up slightly from 5 percent the preceding year.

Exports.--U.S. exports of broom corn brooms totaled 5,107 dozen in 1985, more than double that for the previous year. Exports of whiskbrooms of broom corn increased from 169 dozen to 682 dozen in 1985 and those for other brooms of broom corn increased from 2,340 dozen to 4,425 dozen from 1984-85. Exports for all categories of broom corn brooms represented less than 1 percent of U.S. producers' shipments in 1985.

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EXECUTIVE ORDER **11377**  
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PROVIDING FOR TARIFF COMMISSION REPORTS REGARDING THE  
ESTIMATED CONSUMPTION OF CERTAIN BROOMS

By virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the statutes, including section 332 of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1332), it is hereby ordered as follows:

1. In order to assist the President in the exercise of his authority under headnote 3 to schedule 7, part 8, subpart A, of the Tariff Schedules of the United States (79 Stat. 948; 19 U.S.C. 1202), the United States Tariff Commission shall keep under review developments with regard to whiskbrooms of a kind provided for in items 750.26 to 750.28, inclusive, of the tariff schedules, and other brooms of a kind provided for in items 750.29 to 750.31, inclusive, of such schedules, and shall annually report to the President, as early as practicable in each calendar year, its judgment as to the estimated annual consumption of each such kind of brooms during the immediately preceding calendar year, together with the basis therefor. The first report by the Commission under this paragraph shall contain estimates for the calendar year 1967, and also similar estimates for the calendar year 1965, together with the basis therefor.
2. At the time of its report of the estimates under paragraph 1 of this order for 1968, and biennially thereafter, in addition to the matters described in paragraph 1, the Commission shall report to the President available information as to the production of and trade in other types of brooms which it considers to be competitive with those identified in paragraph 1 and, if practicable, estimates as to the annual consumption of such other brooms.

/s/ Lyndon B. Johnson

THE WHITE HOUSE,  
October 23, 1967

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