



MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION of the 112th Congress

Date approved

I. Background

Bill number:

Sponsor name:

Sponsor state:

Interested entity:

Name

City

State

Other bills on product (112th Congress only):

Nature of bill:

Expiration date:

Current or previous chapter 99 heading:

Retroactive date:

CAS number (if applicable):

Industry analyst:

Telephone:

Tariff Affairs contact:

Telephone:

Note:

1. Access to an electronic copy of this memorandum is available at http://www.usitc.gov/tariff_affairs/congress_reports/.
2. In regard to the country(ies) of origin listed in section III, this report focuses on dutiable imports and does not take into account any tariff preference programs or special rates of duty.

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

Women's footwear with outer soles and uppers of rubber or plastics (except footwear of vulcanized rubber and footwear with waterproof molded bottoms, including bottoms comprising an outer sole and all or part of the upper), valued over \$24/pair, covering the ankle, whose height from the bottom of the outer sole to the top of the upper does not exceed 8 inches (20.32 cm), such footwear designed to be worn in lieu of, but not over, other footwear as a protection against water, oil, grease or chemicals or cold or inclement weather where such protection includes protection against water that is imparted by the use of a coated or laminated textile fabric (provided for in subheading 6402.91.50)

(If enacted, the tariff relief provided for in this bill would be available to any entity that imports the product that is covered by the bill.)

Description above compared with bill as introduced:

- Same
 Different (see Technical Comments section)

III. Other product information, including uses/applications and source(s) of imports

The bill would increase the per-pair dollar value threshold for the covered women's protective footwear from \$20 to \$24. China is the leading supplier of imports of the subject footwear, followed by Vietnam.

IV. Estimated effect on customs revenue

Subject product HTS subheading(s)	6402.91.50				
Item	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Col.1-general rate of duty (%) or percentage point reduction	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5
Estimated value of <i>dutiable</i> imports (\$)	2,100,000	2,200,000	2,300,000	2,400,000	2,500,000
Customs revenue loss (\$)	262,500	275,000	287,500	300,000	312,500

Note: Customs revenue loss is provided for 5 years, although the effective period of the proposed legislation may differ. Regarding the HTS subheading listed in the article description of the bill, the Commission may express an opinion on the HTS classification of a product to facilitate consideration of the bill. However, by law, only U.S. Customs and Border Protection is authorized to issue a binding ruling on this matter. The Commission believes that Customs should be consulted prior to enactment of the bill.

Dutiable imports were based on (more than one may apply):

- Official statistics of the U.S. Department of Commerce
 Provided by industry sources
 Industry information
 Commission estimates

Duty reduction notes:

- This bill is not a duty reduction
 This bill is a temporary duty reduction. Rates are shown below.

Col.1-general duty rate (%) Temporary rate (%) Percentage point reduction (%)

V. Technical comments

Although the title of the bill has no legal significance, it would be clearer if the title indicated an intent to extend a duty reduction.

VI. Continuation

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VII. Contacts with domestic firms/organizations

#	Firm/organization and contact name	Telephone number	Claims same or competing product made in the United States	Submission attached	Opposition noted
1	Outdoor Industry Association (Interested entity) Alex Boian	303-444-3353	No	No	No
2	American Apparel and Footwear Association Nate Herman	703-797-9062	No	No	No
3	Brown Shoe Company, Inc. Lance Frutiger	314-954-4228	No	No	No
4	Footwear Distributors and Retailers of America Matt Priest	202-737-5660	No	No	No
5	KEEN, Inc. Joel Much	503-273-2540	No	No	No
6	National Retail Federation Erik Autor	202-250-9580	No	No	No
7	New Balance Athletic Shoe Inc. Kelly Callahan	978-725-2680	No	No	No
8	Red Wing Shoe Company, Inc. Stacey Nesseth	651-395-6709	No	No	No
9	Rubber and Plastic Footwear Manufacturers Association Jamie Hunter	202-857-6000	No	No	No
10	Warson Group, Inc. Jim Maritz	314-721-8500	No	No	No

112TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 4926

To extend and modify the temporary suspension of duty on certain women's footwear.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 26, 2012

Mr. HARRIS (for himself and Mr. CARNEY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

To extend and modify the temporary suspension of duty on certain women's footwear.

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. CERTAIN WOMEN'S FOOTWEAR.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Heading 9902.23.75 of the Har-
5 monized Tariff Schedule of the United States (relating to
6 certain women's footwear with outer soles and uppers of
7 rubber or plastics) is amended—

8 (1) by striking “\$20/pair” and inserting “\$24/
9 pair”; and

1 (2) by striking the date in the effective period
2 column and inserting “12/31/2015”.

3 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by
4 subsection (a) apply to goods entered, or withdrawn from
5 warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after
6 the date of the enactment of this Act.

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