



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)):

Footwear for men, with uppers of leather other than of pigskin (other than house slippers, work footwear, tennis shoes, basketball shoes, gym shoes, training shoes and the like, and other than slip-on footwear), not covering the ankle, valued \$27/pair or higher, 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 6403.99.60)

(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 legislation includes men's leather footwear worn to protect against rain and snow. China is the leading supplier.

IV. Estimated effect on customs revenue

Subject product HTS subheading(s)	6403.99.60				
Item	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Col.1-general rate of duty (%) or percentage point reduction	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5
Estimated value of <i>dutiable</i> imports (\$)	28,000,000	29,000,000	30,000,000	31,000,000	32,000,000
Customs revenue loss (\$)	2,380,000	2,465,000	2,550,000	2,635,000	2,720,000

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

The article description of the proposed heading was revised by adding the phase "not covering the ankle" to clarify the intended product scope and to relate it more closely to the permanent HTS subheading for the subject goods.

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
2^D SESSION

H. R. 4995

To suspend temporarily the rate of duty on certain leathered footwear for men.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 27, 2012

Ms. BONAMICI introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

To suspend temporarily the rate of duty on certain leathered footwear for men.

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 LEATHERED FOOTWEAR FOR MEN.**

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:

“	9902.01.00	Footwear for men, with uppers of leather other than of pigskin (other than house slippers, work footwear, tennis shoes, basketball shoes, gym shoes, training shoes, and the like, and other than slip-on footwear), valued \$27/pair or higher, 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 6403.99.60)	Free	No change	No change	On or before 12/31/2015	”.
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1 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by
2 subsection (a) applies to articles entered, or withdrawn
3 from warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day
4 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

