



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 (other than house slippers, tennis shoes, basketball shoes, gym shoes, training shoes and the like and other than work footwear), valued at \$15/pair or higher (provided for in subheading 6402.99.31)

(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 subject products include various heels, pumps, flats, and sandals with uppers and soles of rubber or plastics. The referenced HTS subheading is a residual or "basket" category covering a variety of footwear without regard to their Customs value. China is the leading supplier of imports of this footwear.

IV. Estimated effect on customs revenue

Subject product HTS subheading(s)	6402.99.31				
Item	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Col.1-general rate of duty (%) or percentage point reduction	6	6	6	6	6
Estimated value of <i>dutiable</i> imports (\$)	8,000,000	8,400,000	8,820,000	9,261,000	9,774,000
Customs revenue loss (\$)	480,000	504,000	529,200	555,660	586,440

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 set forth above was revised to provide greater clarity and to reflect normal HTS usage.

VI. Continuation

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	ANN Inc. (Interested entity) Bryan Wolfe	212-536-4183	No	No	No
2	American Apparel and Footwear Association Nate Herman	703-797-9062	No	No	No
3	Footwear Distributors and Retailers of America Matt Priest	202-737-5660	No	No	No
4	KEEN, Inc. Joel Much	503-273-2540	No	No	No
5	National Retail Federation Erik Autor	202-250-9580	No	No	No
6	Rubber and Plastic Footwear Manufacturers Association Jamie Hunter	202-857-6000	No	No	No

112TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 5176

To suspend temporarily the duty on footwear for women (other than house slippers, tennis shoes, basketball shoes, gym shoes, training shoes and the like and other than work footwear), valued \$15/pair or higher.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 27, 2012

Mrs. MALONEY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on footwear for women (other than house slippers, tennis shoes, basketball shoes, gym shoes, training shoes and the like and other than work footwear), valued \$15/pair or higher.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. FOOTWEAR FOR WOMEN (OTHER THAN HOUSE**
 2 **SLIPPERS, TENNIS SHOES, BASKETBALL**
 3 **SHOES, GYM SHOES, TRAINING SHOES AND**
 4 **THE LIKE AND OTHER THAN WORK FOOT-**
 5 **WEAR), VALUED \$15/PAIR OR HIGHER.**

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

“	9902.01.00	Footwear for women (other than house slippers, tennis shoes, basketball shoes, gym shoes, training shoes and the like and other than work footwear), valued \$15/pair or higher (provided for in subheading 6402.99.31)	Free	No change	No change	On or before 12/31/2015	”.
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10 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
 11 subsection (a) applies to goods entered, or withdrawn from
 12 warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after
 13 the date of the enactment of this Act.

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