



## 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/](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 (other than house slippers) with uppers of textile material other than vegetable fibers and having outer soles with textile materials having the greatest surface area in contact with the ground, but not taken into account under the terms of additional U.S. note 5 to chapter 64 (provided for in subheading 6404.19.37)

(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 product includes women's casual polyester shoes of the slip-on type and other footwear with open toes or heels, with nondurable textile materials on or incorporated in the outer soles. China is the leading supplier of imports of this footwear, followed by Vietnam.

**IV. Estimated effect on customs revenue**

Subject product HTS subheading(s)	6404.19.37				
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 (\$)	21,700,000	22,000,000	23,000,000	24,000,000	25,000,000
Customs revenue loss (\$)	2,712,500	2,750,000	2,875,000	3,000,000	3,125,000

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 set forth above was modified for greater clarity. It represents a shorter method of describing the subject footwear, compared to the language of the permanent tariff subheading which (having been referenced) would in any case set the scope of the proposed heading.

**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	Collective Brands, Inc. (Interested entity) Curtis Sneed	785-295-6615	No	No	No
2	American Apparel and Footwear Association Nate Herman	703-797-9062	No	No	No
3	American Manufacturing Trade Action Coalition Sara Beatty	202-452-0866	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	National Council of Textile Organizations Michael Hubbard	704-824-3522	No	No	No
8	Rubber and Plastic Footwear Manufacturers Association Jamie Hunter	202-857-6000	No	No	No

112TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 5432

To suspend temporarily the duty on certain women's footwear.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 7, 2012

Mr. HUELSKAMP introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Ways and Means

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## A BILL

To suspend temporarily the 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.—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 with uppers of textile material other than vegetable fibers and having outer soles with textile materials having the greatest surface area in contact with the ground, but not taken into account under the terms of additional U.S. note 5 to chapter 64 of the HTSUS, other than house slippers, the forgoing for women (provided for in subheading 6404.19.37) ....	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 goods entered, or withdrawn from  
3 warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after  
4 the date of the enactment of this Act.

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