



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)):

Other footwear with uppers of vegetable fibers, for men (provided for in subheadings 6404.11.41, 6404.11.51, 6404.11.61, 6404.11.71, 6404.11.81, 6404.19.36, 6404.19.42, 6404.19.52, 6404.19.72, 6404.19.82 and 6405.20.30)

(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 men's canvas gym shoes and canvas casual shoes. China is the leading exporter of such footwear.

IV. Estimated effect on customs revenue

| Subject product HTS subheading(s) | Total Estimates Customs Revenue Losses (1,000s) | | | | |
|--|---|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
| Item | | | | | |
| Col.1-general rate of duty (%) or percentage point reduction | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.1 |
| Estimated value of <i>dutiable</i> imports (\$) | 87,000,000 | 87,250,000 | 87,500,000 | 87,750,000 | 88,000,000 |
| Customs revenue loss (\$) | 957,000 | 959,750 | 962,500 | 965,250 | 968,000 |

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

None

VI. Continuation

Estimated effects on customs revenue -- continued:

In the summary table shown above, Commission staff provided estimates for customs revenue losses based on the value of imports for 2007-2011 that entered under heading 9902.13.91. Commission staff did not have sufficient information to

make allocations for the 11 HTS subheadings covered by the bill (6404.11.41, 6404.11.51, 6404.11.61, 6404.11.71, 6404.11.81, 6404.19.36, 6404.19.42, 6404.19.52, 6404.19.72, 6404.19.82, and 6405.20.30) so that future imports could be more accurately estimated. The column 1-general rate of duty is 7.5 percent ad valorem for all of these HTS subheadings.

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. 5619

To extend the temporary reduction of duty on certain footwear with uppers
of vegetable fibers.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 8, 2012

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

A BILL

To extend the temporary reduction of duty on certain
footwear with uppers of vegetable fibers.

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 FOOTWEAR WITH UPPERS OF VEGE-**

4 **TABLE FIBERS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Heading 9902.13.91 of the Har-
6 monized Tariff Schedule of the United States (relating to
7 certain footwear with uppers of vegetable fibers) is amend-
8 ed by striking the date in the effective period column and
9 inserting “12/31/2015”.

1 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
2 subsection (a) applies with respect to goods entered, or
3 withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after
4 the 15th day after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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