

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

**MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION
of the 109th Congress¹**

[Date approved: January 30, 2006]²

Bill No. and sponsor: H.R. 3394 (Mr. Jim Ryun, Kansas).

Proponent name, location: Payless ShoeSource®, Topeka, KS.

Other bills on product (109th Congress only): None.

Nature of bill: Temporary duty suspension through December 31, 2009.

Retroactive effect: None.

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

9902.64.13 Turn or turned footwear with outer soles of leather and uppers of leather, other than for men or women (provided for in subheading 6403.59.15).

Check one: Same as that in bill as introduced.
 Different from that in bill as introduced (see Technical comments section).

Product information, including uses/applications and source(s) of imports:

The bill covers turn or turned footwear³ with outer soles and uppers of leather, for persons other than men and women (statistical reporting number 6403.59.1561).

U.S. imports of the subject footwear under HTS subheading 6403.59.15 totaled \$12.1 million in 2004. Canada was the leading supplier, followed by China and the Dominican Republic.

¹ Industry analyst preparing report: Laura Rodriguez (202-205-3499); Tariff Affairs contact: Jan Summers (202-205-2605).

² An electronic copy of this memorandum is available at http://usitc.gov/tata/hts/other/rel_doc/bill_reports/index.htm.

³ Turn or turned footwear is sewn from the inside out and then flipped back into the proper position when taken off the shoe last. Richard Foley, National Import Specialist, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, telephone interview with Commission staff, Nov. 28, 2005.

Estimated effect on customs revenue:

HTS subheading 6403.5915					
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Col. 1-General rate of duty	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports <u>1/</u>	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000
Customs revenue loss	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000

1/ No data are included on imports now entering free of duty or at reduced duty rates under U.S. free trade agreements or tariff preference programs; such imports may be affected by changes in the general duty rate on the subject goods.

Source of estimated dutiable import data: Commission estimates based on data provided by industry.

Contacts with domestic firms/organizations (including the proponent):

Name of firm/organization	Date contacted	US production of same or competitive product claimed?	Submission attached?	Opposition noted?
Payless ShoeSource® (Proponent) Curtis Sneden, Director of Government Affairs (785-295-6615)	11/09/05	No	Yes	No
American Apparel and Footwear Association, Nate Herman, Director of International Trade (703-797-9062)	11/15/05	No	No	No
Footwear Distributors and Retailers of America Peter T. Mangione, President (202-737-5660)	11/18/05	No	No	No
Rubber and Plastic Footwear Manufacturers Association Mitchell Cooper, Counsel (202-331-1858)	11/07/05	No	No	No

Technical comments:⁴ None.

⁴ 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 U.S. Customs and Border Protection should be consulted prior to enactment of the bill.

109TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3394

To suspend temporarily the duty on certain work footwear.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 21, 2005

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

A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on certain work 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 WORK 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:

“	9902.64.13	Turn or turned footwear with outer soles of leather and uppers of leather, other than for men or women (provided for in subheading 6403.59.15)	Free	No change	No change	On or before 12/31/2009	”.
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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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