

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. 3487 (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)):

9902.64.15 Other footwear with uppers of vegetable fibers, other than such footwear for men or women (provided for in subheading 6405.20.30)

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 miscellaneous footwear with uppers of vegetable fibers, for persons other than men or women (statistical reporting number 6405.20.3090).

Dutiable U.S. imports of the subject footwear under HTS subheading 6405.20.30 totaled \$24.7 million in 2004. China was the leading supplier of the subject footwear imports during that year.

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.

Estimated effect on customs revenue:

HTS subheading 6405.20.30					
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Col. 1-General rate of duty	7.5%	7.5%	7.5%	7.5%	7.5%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports ³	\$48,000,000	\$48,000,000	\$48,000,000	\$48,000,000	\$48,000,000
Customs revenue loss	\$3,600,000	\$3,600,000	\$3,600,000	\$3,600,000	\$3,600,000

Source of estimated dutiable import data: official statistics, Commission estimates and 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?
		(Yes/No)		
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.

³ U.S. dutiable imports of the subject footwear increased by 137 percent during January-September 2005. The estimated value of dutiable imports for years 2005 through 2009 was based on this level to avoid underestimating customs revenue losses. 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.

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. 3487

To suspend temporarily the duty on certain rubber or plastic footwear.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 27, 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 rubber or plastic
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 RUBBER OR PLASTIC 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:

“	9902.64.15	Other footwear with uppers of vegetable fibers, other than such footwear for men or women (provided for in subheading 6405.20.30)	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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