

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20436

**MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION  
of the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress<sup>1</sup>**

[Date approved: May 5, 2010]<sup>2</sup>

**Bill No. and sponsor:** S. 2444 (Mr. Sam Brownback of Kansas).

**Proponent name,<sup>3</sup> location:** Payless ShoeSource, Inc., Topeka, KS.

**Other bills on product (111<sup>th</sup> Congress only):** None.

**Nature of bill:** Temporary duty suspension through December 31, 2011.

**Retroactive effect:** None.

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

Other footwear with uppers of textile materials (other than house slippers), for persons other than men or women (provided for in subheading 6405.20.90).

**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 casual footwear (other than house slippers) or dress shoes for children, with uppers of textile material (such as satin, nylon, or polyester). The applicable HTS subheading is a residual or “basket” category covering a range of footwear styles and types. China is the leading supplier of these imports.

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

<sup>2</sup> 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/).

<sup>3</sup> The sponsor and proponent stated there are more than ten beneficiaries of this bill, including numerous retailers and suppliers.

**Estimated effect on customs revenue for the subject product classifiable in HTS subheading 6405.20.90:**

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Col. 1-General rate of duty	12.5%	12.5%	12.5%	12.5%	12.5%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports <sup>a</sup>	\$43,000,000	\$43,000,000	\$43,000,000	\$43,000,000	\$43,000,000
Customs revenue loss <sup>b</sup>	\$5,375,000	\$5,375,000	\$5,375,000	\$5,375,000	\$5,375,000

a/ Source of estimated dutiable import data: Commission estimates based on trade data provided by the U.S. Department of Commerce and industry representatives.

b/ At the request of Congress, customs revenue loss is provided for 5 years, although the effective period of the proposed legislation may differ.

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

Name of firm/organization	Date contacted	Claim US makes same or competing product(s)?	Submission attached?	Opposition noted?
		(Yes/No)		
Payless ShoeSource, Inc. (Proponent) Curtis Sneden, 785-295-6615	1/15/2010	No	No	No
American Apparel and Footwear Association Nate Herman, 703-797-9062	1/15/2010	No	No	No
Footwear Retailers and Distributors of America Matt Priest, 202-737-5660	1/14/2010	No	No	No
Rubber and Plastic Footwear Manufacturers Association Mitchell J. Cooper, 202-331-1858	1/15/2010	No	No	No

**Technical comments:<sup>4</sup>**

It is suggested that the proposed article description be amended to read as shown on page 1, to simplify the language and to link it more closely with the scope of HTS statistical reporting number 6405.20.9090.

<sup>4</sup> The Commission may express an opinion on the HTS classification of a product to facilitate consideration of the bill. However, by law, only the U.S. Customs Service is authorized to issue a binding ruling on this matter. The Commission believes that the U.S. Customs Service should be consulted prior to enactment of the bill.

111TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 2444

To suspend temporarily the duty on certain children's textile upper footwear.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 29, 2009

Mr. BROWNBACK introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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## A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on certain children's textile upper 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 CHILDREN'S TEXTILE UPPER FOOT-**  
4 **WEAR.**

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

“	9902.01.00	Other footwear with uppers of textile materials (other than of vegetable fibers), other than house slippers, other than for men or women (provided for in subheading 6405.20.90) .....	Free	No change	No change	On or before 12/31/2011	”.
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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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