

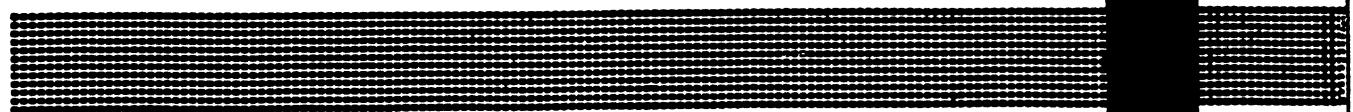
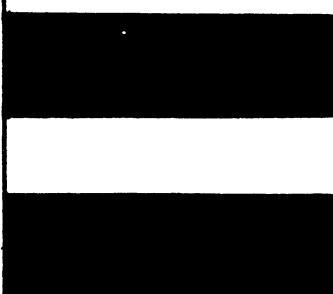
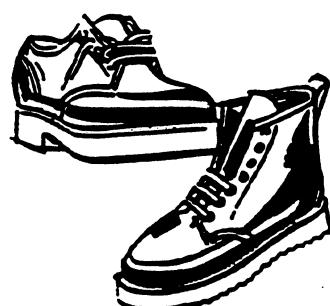
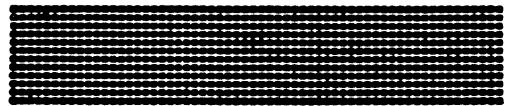
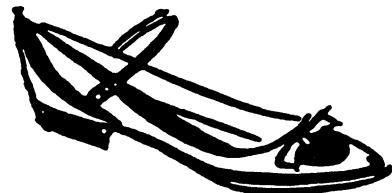
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PREFACE

This series of quarterly reports on the U.S. nonrubber footwear industry is published by the U.S. International Trade Commission pursuant to a request from the Senate Committee on Finance. In a letter received on August 10, 1984, the Committee requested that the Commission institute an investigation under section 332 of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1332) for the purpose of preparing and publishing quarterly reports on nonrubber footwear. In response to this request, the Commission instituted investigation No. 332-191 on August 28, 1984.

The Committee requested the reports in order that it might monitor the condition of the industry on a quarterly basis. The Committee requested that the quarterly reports include data on (1) production and/or shipments, (2) imports, (3) exports, (4) apparent consumption, (5) market share, (6) employment, and (7) unemployment. In addition, the Committee requested that the Commission provide, on an annual basis, information on plant closings in the industry. The Commission publishes information on plant closings in the reports covering the fourth quarter of each year.

HIGHLIGHTS

U.S. production.--U.S. production of nonrubber footwear in the first quarter of 1995 fell by 6 percent from the corresponding 1994 level to 37.5 million pairs. Production on a year-over-year basis has now declined for five consecutive quarters. Preliminary statistics of the U.S. Bureau of the Census show that the value of U.S. producers' shipments in the first quarter of 1995 declined by 19 percent to \$770 million (table 1).

The decline in U.S. output is attributed in part to a sluggish U.S. nonrubber footwear market, which fell by less than 0.5 percent in the first quarter of 1995 to 317 million pairs. The U.S. industry's share of the market declined further by 1 percentage point to 10 percent. The decline in the industry's employment continued, as employment in the first quarter fell by 6 percent to an average of 57,700 persons (table 2).

U.S. imports.--U.S. imports of nonrubber footwear in the first quarter of 1995 rose by less than 0.5 percent in volume and by 5 percent in value over the corresponding 1994 levels to 284 million pairs, valued at \$2.3 billion. This followed a 1-percent decline in the fourth quarter of 1994, the first quarterly decline in 8 quarters. Imports supplied 90 percent of the U.S. market in the first quarter of 1995.

China supplied 54 percent of the U.S. nonrubber footwear market in the first quarter of 1995, compared with 52 percent in the corresponding period of 1994. Imports from China increased by 5 percent in volume and by 7 percent in value to almost 173 million pairs, valued at just over \$1 billion, whereas those from all other countries combined decreased by 6 percent in volume. Imports from China averaged \$6.05 per pair, just over one-half the average price of \$11.56 from all other sources.

Imports of nonrubber footwear from Brazil, the second leading supplier, declined by 15 percent in the first quarter to 34 million pairs, valued at \$304 million. They continued to be affected by the strong Brazilian currency (real), which has appreciated by 16 percent against the dollar since July 1994.

Imports from Indonesia and Thailand, the third and the seventh largest volume suppliers of mainly nonrubber athletic footwear, showed divergent trends in the first quarter. Imports from Indonesia continued to decline, falling by 1 percent to 19 million pairs, and those from Thailand rebounded by 6 percent to 6 million pairs. Demand for athletic footwear in the U.S. market has recently been sluggish.

Imports from the European Union (EU) in the first quarter of 1995 increased by almost 12 percent in volume to 27 million pairs, whereas the

value of such imports rose more rapidly by 28 percent to \$440 million.¹ Italy and Spain, which together supplied 88 percent of U.S. nonrubber footwear imports from the EU in the first quarter of 1995, accounted for the bulk of the increase in EU shipments. Imports from Italy increased by 5 percent to 15 million pairs, and those from Spain rose by 26 percent to 8 million pairs. Continued depreciation of the Italian and Spanish currencies against the dollar made their shoes more price competitive in the U.S. market and contributed largely to the recent acceleration in imports from these countries. Imports from Portugal, an emerging supplier of leather footwear, grew by 20 percent to 1.3 million pairs, valued at \$28 million.

Nonrubber footwear imports from Mexico advanced by 32 percent in the first quarter of 1995 to just over 2 million pairs. The value of these imports, however, increased by only 8 percent to \$24 million, resulting in an 18-percent drop in the average unit value. Significant depreciation of the Mexican peso against the dollar in the first quarter of 1995 is believed to have largely contributed to the growth in imports from Mexico, as well as to the decline in the average unit value.

Rapid declines in nonrubber footwear imports from Taiwan and Korea, once the leading U.S. suppliers, continued into 1995. Shipments from Taiwan in the first quarter fell by 31 percent to 7 million pairs, valued at \$72 million, and those from Korea declined by 25 percent to 4 million pairs, valued at \$64 million.

¹ Does not include data for Austria, Finland, and Sweden, which joined the EU on January 1, 1995. Imports of nonrubber footwear from these three countries totaled 26,000 pairs, valued at \$599,000, in the first quarter of 1995. For all of 1994, imports from these three countries totaled 246,000 pairs, valued at \$6.3 million.

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Table 1

Nonrubber footwear: U.S. production/value of producers' shipments, imports for consumption, exports of domestic merchandise, and apparent consumption, 1990-94 and by quarters, 1994-95

Period	Production/ shipments ^{2/}	Imports	Exports	Apparent consumption	Ratio of imports to consumption ^{1/}	Change from year-earlier period ^{1/}			
						Production/ shipments	Imports	Exports	Apparent consumption
Quantity (million pairs)									
1990.....	184.6	897.5	15.2	1,066.9	84	-17	4	5	0
1991.....	169.0	937.2	18.1	1,088.0	86	-8	4	19	2
1992.....	164.8	974.2	21.4	1,117.7	87	-2	4	18	3
1993.....	171.7	1,065.3	20.7	1,216.3	88	4	9	-3	9
1994 3/.....	156.7	1,101.3	22.5	1,235.5	89	-9	3	9	2
1994:3/									
Jan.-Mar....	40.0	283.1	5.5	317.7	89	-8	5	16	3
Apr.-Jun....	39.2	281.8	5.3	315.7	89	-12	8	-3	5
Jul.-Sep....	38.2	301.1	5.5	333.8	90	-11	2	2	4/
Oct.-Dec....	39.3	235.2	6.2	268.4	88	-4	-1	22	-2
1995:3/									
Jan.-Mar....	37.5	284.3	5.0	316.8	90	-6	4/	-9	4/
Value (million dollars)									
1990.....	3,671.8	8,408.5	254.5	11,825.8	71	-2	13	42	7
1991.....	3,521.4	8,311.9	305.6	11,527.7	72	-4	-1	20	-3
1992.....	3,586.4	8,587.5	341.9	11,832.0	73	2	3	12	3
1993.....	3,753.3	9,256.2	330.8	12,678.7	73	5	8	-3	7
1994 3/.....	3,896.7	9,656.8	379.4	13,174.1	73	4	4	15	4
1994:3/									
Jan.-Mar....	950.1	2,235.0	85.7	3,099.4	72	7	6	16	6
Apr.-Jun....	901.5	2,384.4	88.2	3,197.8	75	2	5	7	4
Jul.-Sep....	991.0	2,797.8	99.1	3,689.7	76	-2	2	14	0
Oct.-Dec....	1,054.1	2,239.6	106.4	3,187.2	70	8	5	21	5
1995:3/									
Jan.-Mar....	770.1	2,337.1	87.4	3,019.8	77	-19	5	2	-3

1/ Percentages based on unrounded data.

2/ "Quantity" represents U.S. production, and "value" represents shipments of domestically manufactured footwear.

3/ Preliminary.

4/ Less than 0.5 percent.

Note.--Because of rounding, figures may not add to totals shown.

Source: Compiled by the U.S. International Trade Commission from official statistics of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Table 2

Employment in the U.S. nonrubber footwear industry, unemployment rate for the nonrubber footwear industry (SIC 314), Producer Price Index for footwear (BLS code 043), and Consumer Price Index for footwear, 1990-94 and by quarters, 1994-95

Period	Employment		Change from year-earlier period			Producer Price Index	Consumer Price Index
	Total	Production	Total employment	Production workers	Unemployment rate ^{1/}		
	-----1,000 workers-----						(1982=100)
			Percent				(1982-84=100)
1990.....	73.9	62.7	-4	-5	8.0	125.6	117.4
1991.....	67.3	56.6	-9	-10	12.3	128.6	120.9
1992.....	64.3	53.5	-4	-5	12.8	132.0	125.0
1993.....	62.9	51.8	-2	-3	9.8	134.4	125.9
1994:2/.....	60.3	49.5	-4	-4	8.2	135.5	126.1
1994:2/ Jan.-Mar.....	61.5	50.6	-2	-2	19.3	135.3	127.1
Apr.-Jun.....	60.8	50.1	-3	-3	8.3	135.3	127.0
Jul.-Sep.....	59.8	49.0	-5	-5	3.5	135.4	125.7
Oct.-Dec.....	59.0	48.5	-7	-7	1.7	136.2	124.6
1995:2/ Jan.-Mar.....	57.7	47.0	-6	-7	1.6	138.1	125.6

1/ Data on quarterly unemployment rates are subject to considerable fluctuation because of the small sample used and therefore, should be used with caution.

2/ Preliminary.

Source: Compiled by the U.S. International Trade Commission from official statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor.

Table 3
Nonrubber footwear: U.S. imports for consumption, by principal sources,
Jan.-Mar. 1993-95 and annual 1993-94

Source	Jan.-Mar.--		Percentage change, Jan.-Mar. 1995 from Jan.-Mar. 1994			Percentage change, 1994 from 1993
	1993	1994	1995	1993	1994	
Quantity (1,000 pairs)						
China.....	149,291	163,828	172,544	5.3	622,240	680,719
Brazil.....	32,706	39,792	33,974	-14.6	130,001	121,239
Italy.....	10,625	14,416	15,175	5.3	35,445	42,394
Indonesia.....	22,273	19,649	19,419	-1.2	84,275	79,016
Spain.....	4,183	6,464	8,168	26.4	15,080	24,256
Thailand.....	7,468	5,852	6,191	5.8	25,464	24,508
Taiwan.....	16,922	10,912	7,482	-31.4	46,715	32,705
Korea.....	10,457	5,116	3,856	-24.6	36,490	24,294
Portugal.....	911	1,101	1,324	20.3	3,907	4,560
Mexico.....	1,811	1,561	2,057	31.8	6,639	5,977
Hong Kong.....	3,199	2,545	2,893	13.7	13,464	13,197
Philippines.....	1,753	2,542	2,715	6.8	10,681	11,039
United Kingdom.....	752	809	706	-12.7	2,822	2,833
India.....	1,471	2,789	2,088	-25.1	6,619	7,950
Germany.....	474	609	756	24.1	1,833	2,638
France.....	228	365	359	-1.6	1,079	1,300
Poland.....	536	864	689	-20.3	1,959	3,303
Hungary.....	112	155	245	58.1	598	756
Canada.....	105	153	222	45.1	1,382	1,884
Dominican Rep.....	327	52	260	400.0	1,239	963
All Other.....	3,538	3,563	3,216	-9.7	17,325	15,766
Total.....	269,152	283,149	284,347	0.4	1,065,267	1,101,268
CBI total.....	622	367	549	49.6	2,501	2,405
European Union 1/	17,284	23,919	26,669	11.5	60,689	78,469
Value (1,000 dollars)						
China.....	810,625	976,142	1,045,247	7.1	3,881,544	4,430,717
Brazil.....	289,497	355,800	304,244	-14.5	1,396,454	1,251,907
Italy.....	177,865	198,921	250,202	25.8	742,656	865,975
Indonesia.....	178,143	177,321	178,818	0.8	722,119	724,607
Spain.....	62,449	77,263	106,433	37.8	243,148	350,894
Thailand.....	75,629	62,619	74,307	18.7	271,112	280,612
Taiwan.....	132,881	88,543	71,564	-19.2	449,346	327,548
Korea.....	195,391	87,843	63,933	-27.2	621,808	409,194
Portugal.....	15,492	20,511	27,709	35.1	72,324	90,684
Mexico.....	28,243	22,613	24,377	7.8	113,450	98,608
Hong Kong.....	24,442	19,172	22,397	16.8	112,700	108,457
Philippines.....	10,348	17,527	22,070	25.9	59,509	68,436
United Kingdom.....	20,584	22,647	20,648	-8.8	82,788	84,187
India.....	15,423	22,533	19,874	-11.8	84,323	88,065
Germany.....	10,547	11,890	17,930	50.8	40,987	51,979
France.....	9,675	9,471	12,771	34.8	52,975	51,866
Poland.....	4,409	6,774	7,694	13.6	18,348	31,611
Hungary.....	2,845	4,776	7,077	48.2	15,522	21,355
Canada.....	3,209	4,992	6,871	37.6	37,490	58,073
Dominican Rep.....	1,164	874	6,053	592.6	4,490	22,428
All Other.....	43,297	66,752	46,843	0.2	233,119	239,561
Total.....	2,110,166	2,234,994	2,337,071	4.6	9,256,221	9,656,772
CBI total.....	4,674	5,649	9,980	76.7	19,867	45,208
European Union 1/	298,766	344,668	439,871	27.6	1,246,176	1,508,879
Unit value (per pair)						
China.....	\$5.42	\$5.95	\$6.05	1.7	\$6.23	\$6.50
Brazil.....	8.85	8.94	8.95	0.1	10.76	10.32
Italy.....	16.74	13.79	16.48	19.5	20.95	20.42
Indonesia.....	7.99	9.02	9.20	2.0	8.56	9.17
Spain.....	14.92	11.95	13.03	9.0	16.12	14.46
Thailand.....	10.12	10.70	12.00	12.1	10.64	11.44
Taiwan.....	7.85	8.11	9.56	17.9	9.61	10.01
Korea.....	18.49	17.17	16.58	-3.4	17.04	16.84
Portugal.....	17.00	18.62	20.92	12.4	18.51	19.97
Mexico.....	15.59	14.48	11.85	-18.2	17.08	16.49
Hong Kong.....	7.64	7.53	7.74	2.8	8.37	8.21
Philippines.....	5.90	6.89	8.12	17.9	5.57	6.19
United Kingdom.....	27.37	27.99	29.24	4.5	29.33	29.71
India.....	10.48	8.07	9.51	17.8	12.73	11.07
Germany.....	22.25	19.52	23.71	21.5	22.36	19.70
France.....	42.43	25.94	35.57	37.1	49.09	39.89
Poland.....	8.22	7.84	11.16	42.3	9.36	9.57
Hungary.....	25.40	30.81	28.88	-6.3	25.95	28.24
Canada.....	30.56	32.62	30.95	-5.1	27.12	30.82
Dominican Rep.....	3.55	16.80	23.28	38.6	3.62	23.28
All Other.....	12.23	13.12	14.56	11.0	13.45	15.21
Total.....	7.84	7.89	8.21	4.1	8.68	8.76
CBI total.....	7.51	15.39	18.17	18.1	7.93	18.79
European Union 1/	17.28	14.40	16.49	14.5	20.53	19.22

1/ Does not include data for Austria, Finland, and Sweden, which joined the EU on January 1, 1995. Imports from these 3 countries in January-March 1995 totaled 26 thousand pairs, valued at \$599 thousand. For all of 1994, imports from these 3 countries totaled 246 thousand pairs, valued at \$6.3 million.

Source: Compiled from official statistics of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Table 4
 Rubber footwear: U.S. production, imports for consumption, exports of domestic merchandise, and apparent consumption,
 1990-94 and by quarters, 1994-95

Period	Production	Imports	Exports	Apparent consumption	Ratio of imports to consumption ^{1/}	Change from year-earlier period ^{1/}							
						Production	Imports	Exports	Apparent consumption				
Quantity (million pairs)					Percent-----								
Fabric-upper footwear with rubber or plastic soles:													
1990.....	89.7	199.2	8.7	280.3	71	17	5	-13	9				
1991.....	97.5	213.4	9.7	301.2	71	9	7	11	7				
1992.....	92.7	257.0	9.5	340.2	76	-5	20	-2	13				
1993.....	62.5	260.0	9.2	313.3	83	-33	1	-3	-8				
1994 2/.....	60.1	300.5	8.2	352.4	85	-4	16	4	12				
1994: 2/													
Jan.-Mar...	18.1	93.0	2.0	109.1	85	-14	4	-11	1				
Apr.-Jun...	16.3	87.0	1.9	101.4	86	-4	22	5	18				
Jul.-Sep...	11.8	58.6	2.1	68.4	86	3	20	6	17				
Oct.-Dec...	13.9	61.9	2.2	73.6	84	8	23	20	20				
1995: 2/													
Jan.-Mar...	15.6	112.3	2.5	125.4	90	-14	21	21	15				
Quantity (million pairs)					Percent-----								
Protective footwear:													
1990.....	16.0	8.7	0.8	23.9	37	13	7	24	11				
1991.....	15.6	8.0	0.9	22.7	35	-2	-8	17	-5				
1992.....	17.8	7.7	0.8	24.8	31	14	-3	-16	9				
1993.....	17.8	9.7	0.7	26.7	36	3/	25	-2	8				
1994 2/.....	17.9	12.0	1.0	28.9	41	1	23	12	8				
1994:2/													
Jan.-Mar...	4.7	1.8	0.1	6.4	28	17	15	-12	18				
Apr.-Jun...	4.8	2.5	0.2	7.2	35	3/	25	5	7				
Jul.-Sep...	4.2	4.3	0.1	8.3	51	-1	34	-36	16				
Oct.-Dec...	4.2	3.4	0.5	7.1	48	-11	15	180	-5				
1995:2/													
Jan.-Mar...	4.4	1.8	0.4	5.8	31	-7	3/	179	-9				

1/ Percentages based on unrounded data.

2/ Preliminary.

3/ Less than 0.5 percent.

Note.--Because of rounding, figures may not add to totals shown.

Source: Compiled by the U.S. International Trade Commission from official statistics of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Table 5
Fabric upper footwear with rubber or plastic soles: U.S. imports for consumption,
by principal sources, Jan.-Mar. 1993-95 and annual 1993-94

Source	Jan.-Mar.--			Percentage change, Jan.- Mar. 1994 from Jan.- Mar. 1994			Percentage change, 1994 from 1993	
	1993	1994	1995	Quantity (1,000 pairs)	1993	1994	1993	1994
China.....	65,526	69,064	87,424	26.6	176,266	211,786	20.2	
Korea.....	7,267	5,293	4,002	-24.4	23,339	15,621	-33.1	
Indonesia.....	2,737	3,942	6,544	66.0	10,821	17,259	59.5	
Taiwan.....	2,405	1,919	1,481	-22.8	7,390	6,022	-18.5	
Thailand.....	3,315	2,698	2,583	-4.3	10,036	9,694	-3.4	
Mexico.....	4,896	5,643	5,078	-6.7	18,717	20,232	8.1	
Dominican Rep.....	655	1,799	1,434	-20.3	4,495	9,125	103.0	
Spain.....	44	237	348	46.8	243	729	200.0	
Italy.....	54	100	258	158.0	221	430	94.6	
Hong Kong.....	1,077	754	1,321	75.2	2,522	2,690	6.7	
Philippines.....	534	702	688	-2.0	3,015	3,145	4.3	
Malaysia.....	115	192	309	60.9	249	695	179.1	
Israel.....	272	193	212	9.8	781	681	-12.8	
Germany.....	13	18	25	38.9	82	101	23.2	
Canada.....	26	66	157	137.9	258	231	-10.5	
Brazil.....	259	363	162	-55.4	794	1,364	71.8	
France.....	22	63	27	-57.1	79	114	44.3	
Austria.....	0	6	6	0.0	12	29	141.7	
Slovenia.....	0	17	12	-29.4	10	32	220.0	
United Kingdom.....	1	0	7	0.0	3	15	400.0	
All Other.....	123	98	242	146.9	641	492	-23.2	
Total.....	89,353	92,976	112,331	20.8	259,984	300,497	15.6	
CBI total.....	656	1,800	1,551	-13.8	4,555	9,131	100.5	
European Union 1/	160	442	674	52.5	680	1,464	115.3	
Value (1,000 dollars)								
China.....	161,138	198,559	291,161	46.7	518,311	690,887	33.3	
Korea.....	108,199	78,955	66,713	-15.5	382,642	250,225	-34.6	
Indonesia.....	20,629	35,679	58,210	63.1	106,467	160,094	50.4	
Taiwan.....	34,046	33,149	27,229	-17.9	117,338	106,376	-9.3	
Thailand.....	13,921	21,680	22,975	6.0	57,137	78,407	37.2	
Mexico.....	8,274	9,582	9,177	-4.2	36,974	38,579	4.3	
Dominican Rep.....	1,194	3,751	3,695	-1.5	8,478	20,120	137.3	
Spain.....	423	1,976	3,624	83.4	2,362	6,726	184.8	
Italy.....	1,106	2,291	3,202	59.8	5,597	9,237	65.0	
Hong Kong.....	3,281	4,152	2,943	-29.1	11,302	13,675	21.0	
Philippines.....	2,114	2,439	2,554	4.7	10,289	10,747	4.5	
Malaysia.....	801	1,278	2,176	70.3	1,804	4,552	152.3	
Israel.....	1,354	1,262	1,509	3.7	4,754	4,560	-4.1	
Germany.....	351	476	776	63.0	1,857	2,369	27.6	
Canada.....	198	327	725	121.7	1,534	1,714	11.7	
Brazil.....	707	1,515	689	-54.5	2,087	5,499	163.5	
France.....	708	1,558	677	-56.5	2,636	2,750	4.3	
Austria.....	19	373	271	-27.3	343	908	164.7	
Slovenia.....	2	260	220	-15.4	166	464	179.5	
United Kingdom.....	55	16	190	87.5	99	198	100.0	
All Other.....	813	670	871	50.0	3,791	3,788	-0.1	
Total.....	359,342	399,936	499,397	24.9	1,275,977	1,411,886	10.7	
CBI total.....	1,199	3,752	3,920	4.5	8,667	20,134	132.3	
European Union 1/	2,740	6,548	8,576	31.0	12,900	22,184	72.0	
Unit value (per pair)								
China.....	\$2.45	\$2.87	\$3.33	16.0	\$2.94	\$3.26	10.9	
Korea.....	14.88	14.91	16.66	11.7	16.39	16.01	-2.3	
Indonesia.....	7.53	9.05	8.89	-1.8	9.83	9.27	-5.7	
Taiwan.....	14.15	17.27	18.38	6.4	15.87	17.66	11.3	
Thailand.....	4.19	8.03	8.89	10.7	5.69	8.08	42.0	
Mexico.....	1.68	1.76	1.80	2.3	1.97	1.90	-3.6	
Dominican Rep.....	1.82	2.08	2.57	23.6	1.88	2.20	17.0	
Spain.....	9.61	8.33	10.41	25.0	9.72	9.22	-5.1	
Italy.....	20.48	22.91	12.41	-45.8	25.32	21.48	-15.2	
Hong Kong.....	3.04	5.50	2.22	-59.6	4.48	5.08	13.4	
Philippines.....	3.95	3.47	3.71	6.9	3.41	3.41	0.0	
Malaysia.....	6.96	6.65	7.04	5.9	7.24	6.54	-9.7	
Israel.....	4.97	6.53	6.17	-5.5	6.08	6.69	10.0	
Germany.....	27.00	26.44	31.04	17.4	22.64	23.45	3.6	
Canada.....	7.61	4.95	4.61	-6.9	5.94	7.41	24.7	
Brazil.....	2.72	4.17	4.25	1.9	2.62	4.03	53.8	
France.....	32.18	24.73	25.07	1.4	33.36	24.12	-27.7	
Austria.....	.00	62.16	45.16	-27.3	28.58	31.31	9.6	
Slovenia.....	.00	15.29	18.33	19.9	16.60	14.50	-12.7	
United Kingdom.....	55.00	.00	27.14	0.0	33.00	13.20	-60.0	
All Other.....	6.60	6.83	3.59	-47.4	5.91	7.69	30.1	
Total.....	4.02	4.30	4.44	3.3	4.90	4.69	-4.3	
CBI total.....	1.82	2.08	2.52	21.2	1.90	2.20	15.8	
European Union 1/	17.12	14.81	12.72	-14.1	18.97	15.15	-20.1	

1/ Does not include data for Austria, Finland, and Sweden, which joined the EU on January 1, 1995. Imports from these 3 countries in January-March 1995 totaled 13 thousand pairs, valued at \$298 thousand. For all of 1994, imports from these 3 countries totaled 32 thousand pairs, valued at \$945 thousand.

Source: Compiles from official statistics of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Table 6
Protective footwear: U.S. imports for consumption, by principal sources,
Jan.-Mar. 1993-95 and annual 1993-94

Source	Jan.-Mar.--			Percentage change, Jan.- Mar. 1995 from Jan. - Mar. 1994			1994	Percentag change, 1994 from 1993		
	1993			1995						
	Quantity (1,000 pairs)			1993	1994	1995				
China.....	1,058	1,126	1,063	- 5.6	5,588	7,164	28.2			
Canada.....	209	276	427	+ 54.7	1,722	2,774	61.1			
Thailand.....	2	97	38	- 60.8	111	213	91.9			
Korea.....	50	110	33	- 70.0	1,256	858	- 31.7			
Taiwan.....	76	32	64	+ 100.0	421	361	- 14.3			
Italy.....	1	1	25	+ 400.0	43	26	- 39.5			
Malaysia.....	12	7	11	+ 57.1	59	34	- 42.4			
Israel.....	22	19	26	+ 36.8	56	114	103.6			
United Kingdom.....	3	9	8	- 11.1	29	43	48.3			
Netherlands.....	3	0	4	+ 0.0	20	10	- 50.0			
Germany.....	37	15	8	- 46.7	82	74	- 9.8			
Sri Lanka.....	0	2	8	+ 300.0	0	7	0.0			
Brazil.....	0	1	14	+ 300.0	28	52	85.7			
Colombia.....	26	6	8	+ 33.3	94	34	- 63.8			
France.....	1	14	3	- 78.6	38	71	86.8			
Japan.....	0	0	0	+ 0.0	3	14	366.7			
Cameroon.....	0	0	2	+ 0.0	0	0	0.0			
Portugal.....	0	0	2	+ 0.0	0	3	0.0			
Hong Kong.....	0	2	5	+ 150.0	39	14	- 64.1			
Finland.....	0	0	0	+ 0.0	3	2	- 33.3			
All Other.....	18	36	0	- 100.0	99	94	- 5.1			
Total.....	1,527	1,762	1,758	- 0.2	9,701	11,970	23.4			
CBI total.....	0	0	0	+ 0.0	43	3	- 93.0			
European Union 1/	47	42	53	+ 26.2	227	235	3.5			
Value (1,000 dollars)										
China.....	4,027	5,231	4,851	- 7.3	24,631	36,726	49.1			
Canada.....	1,981	2,504	4,148	+ 65.7	13,832	21,185	53.2			
Thailand.....	21	702	396	- 43.6	1,091	1,840	68.7			
Korea.....	582	1,011	273	- 73.0	10,551	7,984	- 24.3			
Taiwan.....	181	212	234	+ 10.4	1,212	1,243	2.6			
Italy.....	71	48	214	+ 345.8	668	702	5.1			
Malaysia.....	173	88	168	+ 90.9	860	482	- 44.0			
Israel.....	94	128	166	+ 29.7	357	808	126.3			
United Kingdom.....	58	121	151	+ 8.3	368	624	69.6			
Netherlands.....	50	6	101	+ 583.3	315	211	- 35.0			
Germany.....	183	140	93	- 33.6	707	731	3.4			
Sri Lanka.....	0	13	65	+ 600.0	1	57	600.0			
Brazil.....	1	2	61	+ 950.0	44	77	75.0			
Colombia.....	118	34	45	+ 32.4	448	183	- 59.2			
France.....	23	79	38	- 51.9	268	500	101.6			
Japan.....	10	9	10	+ 11.1	52	137	163.5			
Cameroon.....	0	0	9	+ 0.0	0	0	0.0			
Portugal.....	0	0	9	+ 0.0	3	15	400.0			
Hong Kong.....	0	15	6	- 60.0	211	121	- 42.7			
Finland.....	11	25	6	- 76.0	109	85	- 22.0			
All Other.....	62	84	0	- 100.0	360	470	30.6			
Total.....	7,653	10,460	11,035	+ 5.5	56,078	74,193	32.3			
CBI total.....	0	2	0	- 100.0	77	11	- 85.7			
European Union 1/	386	400	589	+ 67.3	2,419	2,825	16.8			
Unit value (per pair)										
China.....	\$3.80	\$4.64	\$4.56	- 1.7	\$4.40	\$5.12	16.4			
Canada.....	9.47	9.07	9.71	+ 7.1	8.03	7.63	- 5.0			
Thailand.....	10.50	7.23	10.42	+ 44.1	9.82	8.63	- 12.1			
Korea.....	11.64	9.19	8.27	- 10.0	8.40	9.30	10.7			
Taiwan.....	2.38	6.62	3.65	- 44.9	2.87	3.44	19.9			
Italy.....	71.00	48.00	8.56	- 82.2	15.53	27.00	73.9			
Malaysia.....	14.41	12.57	15.27	+ 21.5	14.57	14.17	- 2.7			
Israel.....	4.27	6.73	6.38	- 5.2	6.37	7.08	11.1			
United Kingdom.....	19.33	13.44	16.37	+ 21.8	12.68	14.51	14.4			
Netherlands.....	16.66	.00	25.25	+ 0.0	15.75	21.10	34.0			
Germany.....	4.94	9.33	11.62	+ 24.5	8.62	9.87	14.5			
Sri Lanka.....	.00	6.50	8.12	+ 24.9	.00	8.14	0.0			
Brazil.....	.00	2.00	4.35	+ 117.5	1.57	1.48	- 5.7			
Colombia.....	4.53	5.66	5.62	- 0.7	4.76	5.38	13.0			
France.....	23.00	5.64	12.66	+ 124.5	6.52	7.04	8.0			
Japan.....	.00	.00	.00	+ 0.0	17.33	9.78	- 43.6			
Cameroon.....	.00	.00	4.50	+ 0.0	.00	.00	0.0			
Portugal.....	.00	.00	4.50	+ 0.0	.00	5.00	0.0			
Hong Kong.....	.00	7.50	1.20	- 84.0	5.41	8.64	59.7			
Finland.....	.00	.00	.00	+ 0.0	36.33	42.50	17.0			
All Other.....	3.44	2.47	.00	- 100.0	3.63	5.00	37.7			
Total.....	5.01	5.93	6.27	+ 5.7	5.78	6.19	7.1			
CBI total.....	.00	.00	.00	+ 0.0	1.79	3.66	104.5			
European Union 1/	8.21	9.52	11.11	+ 16.7	10.65	12.02	12.9			

1/ Does not include data for Austria, Finland, and Sweden, which joined the EU on January 1, 1995. Imports from these 3 countries in January-March 1995 totaled 149 pairs, valued at \$6 thousand. For all of 1994, imports from these 3 countries totaled 14 thousand pairs, valued at \$195 thousand.

Source: Compiled from official statistics of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Table 7
Norubber footwear: U.S. exports of domestic merchandise, by principal markets,
Jan.-Mar. 1993-95 and annual 1993-94

Market	Jan.-Mar.--		Percentage change, Jan.- Mar. 1995 from Jan. - Mar. 1994			Percentage change, 1994 from 1993	
	1993	1994	1995	Quantity (1,000 pairs)	1993	1994	1993
Japan.....	371	369	582	57.7	1,652	2,319	40.4
Canada.....	461	636	600	- 5.7	2,008	2,602	29.6
Hong Kong.....	82	106	166	56.6	412	511	24.0
Switzerland.....	33	24	284	83.3	158	758	379.7
France.....	316	251	156	- 37.8	983	862	- 12.3
Mexico.....	1,058	509	236	- 53.6	2,961	2,194	- 25.9
Italy.....	153	108	149	38.0	721	533	- 26.1
United Kingdom.....	185	349	346	- 0.9	1,562	1,775	13.6
Germany.....	143	486	135	- 72.2	816	1,409	72.7
Brazil.....	29	19	120	531.6	89	262	194.4
Netherlands.....	59	304	110	- 63.8	266	677	154.5
Chile.....	18	54	88	63.0	138	477	245.7
Saudi Arabia.....	38	78	96	23.1	240	428	78.3
Spain.....	25	45	45	0.0	149	181	21.5
Panama.....	175	78	63	- 19.2	415	362	- 12.8
Australia.....	41	67	25	- 62.7	217	203	- 6.5
Israel.....	29	8	54	575.0	155	116	- 25.2
Greece.....	34	9	30	233.3	108	78	- 27.8
All Other.....	1,448	1,870	1,641	- 12.2	7,278	6,426	- 11.7
Total.....	4,760	5,508	5,018	- 8.9	20,684	22,504	8.8
Value (1,000 dollars)							
Japan.....	9,955	10,334	14,288	38.3	42,631	61,079	43.3
Canada.....	12,855	13,865	12,363	- 10.8	51,718	54,198	4.8
Hong Kong.....	1,636	1,834	4,603	144.3	9,065	10,125	11.7
Switzerland.....	844	543	4,390	708.5	3,422	11,922	248.4
France.....	6,088	6,901	4,319	- 37.4	24,601	24,476	- 0.5
Mexico.....	5,381	4,238	4,178	- 1.4	20,165	25,029	24.1
Italy.....	3,548	2,289	4,011	75.2	18,383	15,256	- 27.9
United Kingdom.....	3,499	4,778	3,738	- 21.8	18,111	17,005	- 6.1
Germany.....	2,600	7,025	3,540	- 49.6	16,719	23,338	39.6
Brazil.....	449	298	2,114	609.4	1,370	3,375	146.4
Netherlands.....	1,319	4,348	2,092	- 51.9	5,295	14,412	172.2
Chile.....	371	550	1,973	258.7	1,416	5,085	259.1
Saudi Arabia.....	877	1,536	1,250	- 18.6	4,895	7,213	47.4
Spain.....	790	790	1,144	44.8	3,414	3,242	- 5.0
Panama.....	2,086	718	980	36.5	4,988	4,581	- 8.2
Australia.....	803	1,474	821	- 44.3	3,652	4,978	36.3
Israel.....	470	179	785	338.5	2,163	2,038	- 5.8
Greece.....	767	274	740	170.1	3,003	2,069	- 31.1
All Other.....	17,832	22,370	17,784	- 20.5	86,408	86,604	0.2
Total.....	73,780	85,690	87,393	2.0	330,813	379,397	14.7
Unit value (per pair)							
Japan.....	\$26.83	\$28.00	\$24.54	- 12.4	\$25.80	\$26.33	2.1
Canada.....	27.88	21.80	20.60	- 5.5	25.75	20.82	- 19.1
Hong Kong.....	19.95	17.77	27.72	56.0	22.00	19.81	- 10.0
Switzerland.....	25.57	22.62	15.45	- 31.7	21.65	15.72	- 27.4
France.....	19.26	27.49	27.68	0.7	25.02	28.39	13.5
Mexico.....	5.08	8.32	17.70	112.7	6.81	11.40	67.4
Italy.....	23.18	21.19	26.91	27.0	25.49	29.87	- 2.4
United Kingdom.....	18.91	13.69	10.80	- 21.1	11.59	9.58	- 17.3
Germany.....	18.18	14.45	26.22	81.5	20.48	16.56	- 19.1
Brazil.....	15.48	15.68	17.61	12.3	15.39	12.88	- 16.3
Netherlands.....	22.35	14.30	19.01	32.9	19.90	21.28	6.9
Chile.....	20.61	10.18	22.42	120.2	10.26	10.66	3.9
Saudi Arabia.....	23.07	19.69	13.02	- 33.9	20.39	16.85	- 17.4
Spain.....	31.60	17.55	25.42	44.8	22.91	17.91	- 21.8
Panama.....	11.92	9.20	15.55	69.0	12.01	12.65	5.3
Australia.....	19.58	22.00	32.84	49.3	16.82	29.52	45.8
Israel.....	16.20	22.37	14.53	- 35.0	13.95	17.56	25.9
Greece.....	22.55	30.44	24.66	- 19.0	27.80	26.52	- 4.6
All Other.....	12.31	11.96	10.83	- 9.4	11.87	13.47	13.5
Total.....	15.50	15.55	- 17.41	12.0	15.99	16.85	5.4

SOURCE: Compiled from official statistics of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

