

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

**MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION
of the 111th Congress¹**

[Date approved: July 20, 2010]²

Bill No. and sponsor: S. 2107 (Mr. Christopher Bond of Missouri).

Proponent name,³ location: Brown Shoe Company, St. Louis, MO.

Other bills on product (111th 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)):

Footwear with uppers of leather or composition leather, valued at not over \$10/pair, for women (provided for in subheading 6405.10.00).

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 a variety of women's footwear with uppers of leather or composition leather imported under HTS statistical reporting number 6405.10.0060. China is the leading supplier of these imports. Total dutiable imports under this statistical reporting number in 2009 were approximately \$25.1 million, with China supplying about \$12.9 million.

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

² Access to an electronic copy of this memorandum is available at http://www.usitc.gov/tariff_affairs/congress_reports/.

³ 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 6405.10.00:

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Col. 1-General rate of duty	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports ^a	\$4,500,000	\$4,500,000	\$4,500,000	\$4,500,000	\$4,500,000
Customs revenue loss ^b	\$450,000	\$450,000	\$450,000	\$450,000	\$450,000

a/ Dutiable import estimates were based on data provided by the U.S. Department of Commerce and industry representatives and reflect the proposed limitation of the scope of the provision to footwear valued not over \$10 per pair.

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)		
Brown Shoe Company (Proponent) Lance Frutiger, 314-854-4228	01/15/2010	No	No	No
American Apparel and Footwear Association Nate Herman, 703-797-9062	01/15/2010	No	Yes	No
Footwear Retailers and Distributors of America Matt Priest, 202-737-5660	01/14/2010	No	Yes	No
New Balance Athletic Shoe, Inc. ⁴ Kelly Callahan, 978-974-1553	01/13/2010	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rubber and Plastic Footwear Manufacturers Association Mitchell J. Cooper, 202-331-1858	01/15/2010	No	No	No

Technical comments:⁵

At the request of the proponent's representative, we have included a limitation on the customs value of eligible footwear of \$10 per pair.

⁴ New Balance expressed opposition to the bill as drafted but has indicated that it would not oppose the bill if it is revised to apply only to footwear valued not over \$10/pair.

⁵ 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. 2107

To suspend temporarily the duty on certain women's leather or composition leather upper footwear.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 29, 2009

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

A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on certain women's leather or composition leather 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 WOMEN'S LEATHER OR COMPOSITION**

4 **LEATHER UPPER FOOTWEAR.**

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	Footwear with uppers of leather or composition leather, valued at less than \$20/pair, for women (provided for in subheading 6405.10.00) ...	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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