



## MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION of the 112th Congress

Date approved

### I. Background

Bill number:

Sponsor name:

Sponsor state:

Interested entity:

Name

City

State

Other bills on product (112th Congress only):

Nature of bill:

Expiration date:

Current or previous chapter 99 heading:

Retroactive date:

CAS number (if applicable):

Industry analyst:

Telephone:

Tariff Affairs contact:

Telephone:

Note:

1. 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/).
2. In regard to the country(ies) of origin listed in section III, this report focuses on dutiable imports and does not take into account any tariff preference programs or special rates of duty.

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

Sports footwear for persons other than men or women, valued over \$12/pair, with spikes, with outer soles of rubber, plastics, leather or composition leather and uppers of textile materials (provided for in subheading 6404.11.90), the foregoing other than ski-boots, cross-country ski footwear and snowboard boots

(If enacted, the tariff relief provided for in this bill would be available to any entity that imports the product that is covered by the bill.)

Description above compared with bill as introduced:

- Same  
 Different (see Technical Comments section)

## III. Other product information, including uses/applications and source(s) of imports

The subject product includes higher-valued children's track and field athletic shoes. China is the leading source of such footwear.

## IV. Estimated effect on customs revenue

Subject product HTS subheading(s)	6404.11.90				
Item	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Col.1-general rate of duty (%) or percentage point reduction	20	20	20	20	20
Estimated value of <i>dutiable</i> imports (\$)	32,300,000	32,400,000	32,500,000	32,600,000	32,700,000
Customs revenue loss (\$)	6,460,000	6,480,000	6,500,000	6,520,000	6,540,000

Note: Customs revenue loss is provided for 5 years, although the effective period of the proposed legislation may differ. Regarding the HTS subheading listed in the article description of the bill, 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 Customs should be consulted prior to enactment of the bill.

Dutiable imports were based on (more than one may apply):

- Official statistics of the U.S. Department of Commerce  
 Provided by industry sources  
 Industry information  
 Commission estimates

Duty reduction notes:

- This bill is not a duty reduction  
 This bill is a temporary duty reduction. Rates are shown below.

Col.1-general duty rate (%)  Temporary rate (%)  Percentage point reduction (%)

## V. Technical comments

The article description set forth above was modified for greater consistency with other HTS provisions. Also, the interested entity stated that the footwear of interest has spikes, but the bill as drafted inadvertently omitted "with spikes" from the proposed heading. This requirement was added in the modified description.

## VI. Continuation

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## VII. Contacts with domestic firms/organizations

	# Firm/organization and contact name	Telephone number	Claims same or competing product made in the United States	Submission attached	Opposition noted
1	Brooks Sports, Inc. (Interested entity) Tineka Meeuws	425-951-7354	No	No	No
2	American Apparel and Footwear Association Nate Herman	703-797-9062	No	No	No
3	American Manufacturing Trade Action Coalition Sara Beatty	202-452-0866	No	No	No
4	Footwear Distributors and Retailers of America Matt Priest	202-737-5660	No	No	No
5	KEEN, Inc. Joel Much	503-273-2540	No	No	No
6	National Retail Federation Erik Autor	202-250-9580	No	No	No
7	National Council of Textile Organizations Michael Hubbard	704-824-3522	No	No	No
8	Rubber and Plastic Footwear Manufacturers Association Jamie Hunter	202-857-6000	No	No	No

112TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# S. 2399

To suspend temporarily the duty on sports footwear for persons other than men or women, valued \$12/pair or higher, other than ski-boots, cross-country ski footwear and snowboard boots.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 26, 2012

Mrs. MURRAY 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 sports footwear for persons other than men or women, valued \$12/pair or higher, other than ski-boots, cross-country ski footwear and snowboard boots.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SPORTS FOOTWEAR FOR PERSONS OTHER**  
 2 **THAN MEN OR WOMEN, VALUED \$12/PAIR OR**  
 3 **HIGHER, OTHER THAN SKI-BOOTS, CROSS-**  
 4 **COUNTRY SKI FOOTWEAR AND SNOWBOARD**  
 5 **BOOTS.**

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

“	9902.01.00	Sports footwear for persons other than men or women, valued \$12/pair or higher, other than ski-boots, cross-country ski footwear and snowboard boots (provided for in subheading 6404.11.90) .....	Free	No change	No change	On or before 12/31/2015	”.
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10 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by  
 11 subsection (a) applies with respect to goods entered, or  
 12 withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after  
 13 the 15th day after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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