



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/.
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)):

Vulcanized rubber felt-bottom boots for actual use in fishing waders (provided for in subheading 6405.90.90)

(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 boots with a durable felt bottom (which is said to improve the wearer's traction in streams or lakes) that are imported to be used in making fishing waders. These boots are used by sport and recreational fishermen wading in water. China is the leading source of such footwear. Opposition to this bill is noted below in the Contacts table.

IV. Estimated effect on customs revenue

Subject product HTS subheading(s)	6405.90.90				
Item	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Col.1-general rate of duty (%) or percentage point reduction	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5
Estimated value of <i>dutiable</i> imports (\$)	400,000	425,000	450,000	475,000	500,000
Customs revenue loss (\$)	50,000	53,125	56,250	59,375	62,500

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 (%)

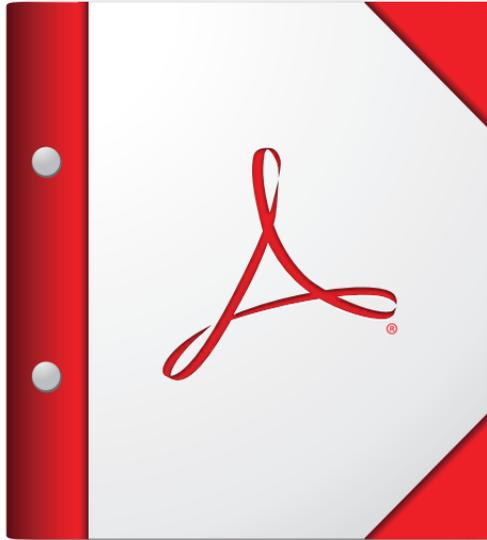
V. Technical comments

None

VI. Continuation

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	Simms Fishing Products (Interested entity) Robert Gibson	406-585-3557	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	Genfoot America Inc. Gordon Cook	603-444-2668	Yes	Yes	Yes
6	KEEN, Inc. Joel Much	503-273-2540	No	No	No
7	National Retail Federation Erik Autor	202-250-9580	No	No	No
8	National Council of Textile Organizations Michael Hubbard	704-824-3522	No	No	No
9	Onguard Industries Chris Maistros	410-272-2000	Yes	Yes	Yes
10	Rubber and Plastic Footwear Manufacturers Association Jamie Hunter	202-857-6000	Yes	Yes	Yes



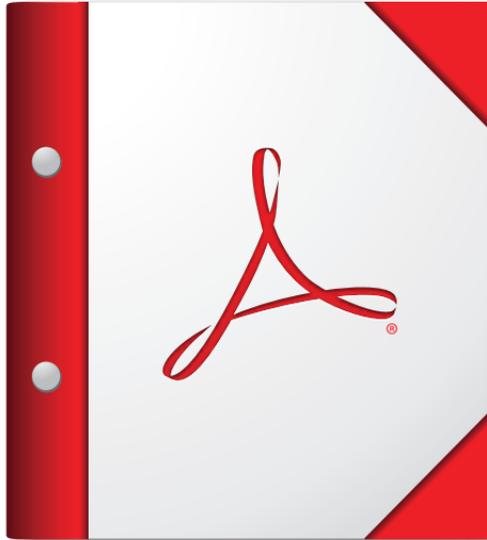
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112TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 2879

To renew the temporary suspension of duty on vulcanized rubber felt-bottom boots for actual use in fishing waders.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 8, 2012

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

A BILL

To renew the temporary suspension of duty on vulcanized rubber felt-bottom boots for actual use in fishing waders.

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. VULCANIZED RUBBER FELT-BOTTOM BOOTS**

4 **FOR ACTUAL USE IN FISHING WADERS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Heading 9902.23.84 of the Har-
6 monized Tariff Schedule of the United States (relating to
7 vulcanized rubber felt-bottom boots for actual use in fish-
8 ing waders) is amended by striking the date in the effec-
9 tive period column and inserting “12/31/2015”.

1 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
2 subsection (a) applies with respect to goods entered, or
3 withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after
4 the 15th day after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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