The footwear industry’s business and trade association

Fast Footwear Facts

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<td>U.S. Footwear Workers</td>
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<td>Annual U.S. Footwear Sales</td>
<td>$77.4 billion</td>
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<td>Pairs of shoes imported each year</td>
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<td>Pairs of shoes imported for every person in the U.S. in 2016</td>
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You’re paying more than you should for shoes.

Footwear is one of the highest taxed goods you buy. An iPhone has a 0% duty rate, but footwear averages 11% and goes up to 67.5% for certain footwear!

Outdated Footwear Duties from the 1930s means Americans paid $7 billion more than they should have for footwear in 2016.

Families pay more than half a billion dollars more for their kids’ shoes each year than they should due to these taxes.

What would happen if footwear duties were eliminated?

**LOWER COSTS**

Savings quickly make their way to consumers through the fiercely competitive nature of the mass retail footwear market.

**INNOVATIVE SHOES**

Savings enable companies to invest in designing new materials and shoes using 3D printing technology and advanced manufacturing, helping them compete well into the 21st century.

**MORE JOBS**

100% of current U.S. footwear jobs depend on international trade. Savings go back into the footwear supply chain with more and better-paying U.S. jobs, from domestic plants to retail stores.

Learn more about the fight against footwear tariffs at FDRA.org and the economics of the U.S. footwear industry at shoeconomy.us.

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