

DRAFT FDRA LETTER TO INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

The Footwear Distributors and Retailers of America (FDRA), whose members are the leading U.S. footwear companies, some of whom produce footwear in the United States, supports the list of footwear petitions below that have been filed with the U.S. International Trade Commission under the new Miscellaneous Tariff Bill (MTB) process.

The American Manufacturing Competitiveness Act of 2016, the law that establishes the new MTB process, states that the current "Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States imposes duties on imported goods for which there is no domestic availability or insufficient domestic availability ... [which] creates artificial distortions in the economy of the United States that negatively impacts United States manufacturers and consumers." The law recognizes the important role that MTBs play in addressing this issue for American consumers.

Footwear duties are among the highest in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States and are even higher on lower price footwear. Reducing these duties through MTBs will benefit U.S. consumers with lower prices and increase the competitiveness of American footwear businesses.

FDRA has consulted with domestic industry interests to ensure that it does not support petitions that would have adverse consequences for domestic producers.

To this end, we support the following petitions and urge that the Commission report these petitions favorably to the Congress:

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6402.99.31
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6403.99.60
6403.99.90

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6404.11.69
6404.11.81
6404.11.90
6404.19.15
6404.19.20
6404.19.36
6404.19.37
6404.19.39
6404.19.72
6404.19.87
6404.19.90
6404.20.60

6405.20.90
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6406.90.15
6406.90.30

Sincerely,