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A few quick updates on the FDRA Trade & Logistics Strategy Summit,

forced labor enforcement, and a few recent classification and origin decisions.

Join us in Portland to talk trade and

tariff strategy SHOE TRADE & LOGISTICS



• Adidas General Counsel & VP of Government Affairs, Kurt Tandan,

will open the event with a keynote on navigating the global trade landscape.

- The event features all of the great FDRA insight and intel ... with a fun Portland twist: Deadstock Coffee with sneaker designs, realworld trade scenario breakout sessions, Who Wants to Be a Shoe
- *Millionaire?*, and more! • We will cover critical topics like de minimis changes, UFLPA enforcement, economic forecasts, PFAS, Prop 65, and port issues. **One more thing**: The day before, we are holding two additional

Portland events: The Shoe Sustainability & Innovation Summit and

Brews & Shoes networking and trivia night. (Combo tickets for all 3

events here).

View the agenda, see the photos of last year's event, and register today:

Trade & Logistics Summit

How will tariffs impact your business? Find out in real time. Demo the KPMG Tariff Modeler today. Forced labor enforcement news



• Since the UFLPA went into effect in June 2022, 2,229 apparel, footwear, and textile shipments have been detained. • Yes, but: The stats group footwear with apparel 👕 and textiles

<u>footwear factory</u> to the UFLPA Entity List in June 2024. This is the only footwear factory on the list.

Country breakdown: The most shipments detained in fiscal year

2025 originate in China, with 250 shipments totaling \$1.29 million in

being produced in or containing materials or components from

I . To our knowledge, no footwear shipments have been detained as

Xinjiang. That could still change, with the the first-ever addition of a

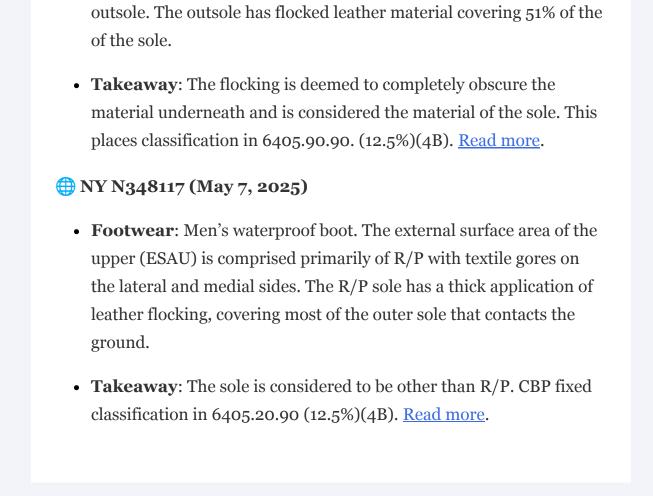
value. • The next three other countries, by value: The Philippines (17) shipments, \$.88 million in value), Managladesh (26 shipments, \$.75 million in value), and Nicaragua (8 shipments, \$.65 million in value).

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Go deeper: <u>View the UFLPA stats</u>

flocking?

Recent classification decisions:



Recent CBP decisions on origin

• **Footwear**: Children's boot, with rubber/plastic (R/P) upper and

May 23, 2025)

origin is Portugal. Read more.

Vietnam using materials from **(20)** China.

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in Market Portugal. The unformed leather uppers are shipped to Portugal. There, the uppers are lasted and incorporated into outsole units of either Chinese or Portuguese origin. • **Takeaway**: As the ruling describes, unformed uppers are considered to have undergone a substantial transformation when they have been shaped by lasting, molding or otherwise, and having

closed bottoms. The unformed, unshaped uppers of Chinese origin

uppers in Portugal. As a result, CBP concluded that the country of

are lasted to take on the shape of the foot and become "formed"

• **Issue**: The country of origin for footwear manufactured in

• **Issue**: The country of origin for certain leather sneakers completed

• **Takeaway**: The footwear will be manufactured using open-bottom "unformed" uppers, insoles, foam, and label sourced from China. In Vietnam, the upper will be sewed to the insole. The upper will then be sewn to the insole foam and to the outer sole of Chinese or Vietnamese origin. CBP determined that Vietnam is the country of origin. Read more.

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