

Customs Report

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A few quick updates on de minimis, forced labor enforcement, and recent classification decisions.

Latest on de minimis shipments




De Minimis ban?: The One Big Beautiful Bill Act (H.R. 1), passed by the House, would repeal Section 321, also known as de minimis, which allows certain low-value shipments to enter the U.S. duty-free.


- The ban would be effective July 1, 2027. The bill would also increase the penalties for Section 321 violations to \$5000 for the first offense and \$10,000 for any subsequent violation.
- **Yes, but:** The Senate version of the bill does not include the Section 321 repeal. The Senate is trying to pass its bill before the July 4th deadline set by Republicans. The House and Senate will then have to meet to work out the many differences between the two bills.





Forced labor enforcement news



 **New UFLPA Stats:** On June 17th, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) updated its searchable tool of Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act (UFLPA) stats.

- So far in fiscal year 2025, 317  apparel,  footwear, and  textile shipments have been detained. 163 (51%) of those shipments have been denied, 53 (17%) have been released, and 101 (32%) are still pending.
- Since the UFLPA went into effect in June 2022, 2,169 apparel, footwear, and textile shipments have been detained.
- **Yes, but:** The stats group footwear  with apparel  and textiles . To our knowledge, no footwear shipments have been detained as being produced in or containing materials or components from Xinjiang. That could still change, with the the first-ever addition of a [footwear factory](#) to the UFLPA Entity List in June 2024. This is the only footwear factory on the list.

Did you know?: The apparel sector still has the third largest number of exams this year, behind only the automotive industry and the consumer products and mass merchandising sector.

- The  auto sector has been heavily targeted this year. U.S. Customs & Border Protection (CBP) detained just 248 auto shipments over all of 2023 and 2024 ... but so far in 2025, it has detained  5,242 auto shipments.

Go deeper: [View the UFLPA stats](#)



Recent classification decisions: protective?



NY N347564 (April 28, 2025)

- **Footwear:** woman’s shoe, below the ankle, closed toes and heels, textile upper, R/P (rubber/plastic) outsole, valued between \$6.50 and \$12/pair.
- **One more thing:** The upper is man-made textile resembling faux suede and lined with faux shearling measuring less than 1/2 inch uncompressed.
- **Takeaway:** CBP did not consider the footwear protective. The footwear is classified in 6404.19.89 (\$0.90/pr + 20%). [Read more.](#)

NY N347531 (April 22, 2025)

- **Footwear:** woman’s boot. The upper is faux fur and the outer sole is R/P. The upper, including the footbed, is lined with faux fleece over two layers of foamed R/P.
- **Takeaway:** The boot is considered protective. The boot is classified in 6404.19.20 (37.5%). [Read more.](#)

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