# Customs Report

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

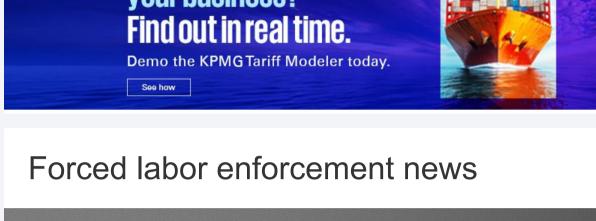
Latest on de minimis shipments



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
- **How will tariffs impact** your business?

meet to work out the many differences between the two bills.





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.

only footwear factory on the list.

shipments.

protective?

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shipments have been detained. 163 (51%) of those shipments have

• Yes, but: The stats group footwear with apparel  $\uparrow$  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

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

**Did you know?**: The apparel sector still has the third largest number of

exams this year, behind only the automotive industry and the consumer

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Recent classification decisions:

## 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.

(April 28, 2025) (April 28, 2025)

over two layers of foamed R/P.

uncompressed.

(April 22, 2025) (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

• One more thing: The upper is man-made textile resembling faux

suede and lined with faux shearling measuring less than 1/2 inch

footwear is classified in 6404.19.89 (\$0.90/pr + 20%). Read more.

• **Takeaway**: CBP did not consider the footwear protective. The

in 6404.19.20 (37.5%). Read more.

• **Takeaway**: The boot is considered protective. The boot is classified

administrative, and other developments affecting importers of footwear prepared as a service for FDRA members. Matters reported on or summarized herein may not be construed as legal advice on specific situations.

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