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

forced labor enforcement, and a few recent classification decisions.

Join us in Portland to talk trade and

tariff strategy SHOE TRADE & LOGISTICS

STRATEGY S September 17, 2025 • Castaway Portland The <u>Portland Shoe Trade and Logistics Strategy Summit</u> is just weeks away, on September 17th. A few key takeaways.

Important update: This year's event will provide continuing education credit for customs professionals. This FDRA event is worth 5 Continuing Education Units (CEUs)!

Portland fun: The event features all of the great FDRA insight and intel ... with a fun Portland twist: Deadstock Coffee with sneaker designs, real-world trade scenario breakout sessions, Who Wants to Be a Shoe *Millionaire?*, and more!

△ Great lineup: Associate General Counsel & VP of Government

Affairs Kurt Tandan (adidas) will share tips on navigating the global

trade landscape. Pete Mento (DSV) will cover where international trade is heading next, and Corey Day (Stoel Rives) will do a deep dive on key compliance issues like Prop 65 and PFAS. **One more thing:** The day before, we are holding two additional Portland events: The **Shoe Sustainability & Innovation Summit** and

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

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

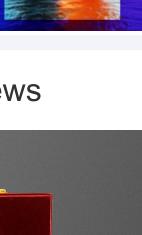
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events <u>here</u>).

Forced labor enforcement news





footwear, and textile shipments have been detained. • Yes, but: The stats group footwear with apparel and textiles

being produced in or containing materials or components from

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

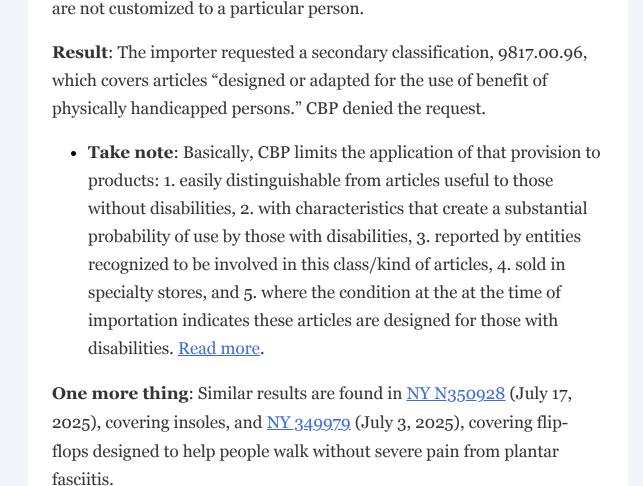
Xinjiang. That could still change, with the the first-ever addition of a

Since the UFLPA went into effect in June 2022, 2,226 apparel,

footwear factory to the UFLPA Entity List in June 2024. This is the only footwear factory on the list. **Go deeper**: View the UFLPA stats <u>here</u>.

and pain relief?

Recent classification decisions: insoles



Product: multi-layered footwear inserts designed to help relieve foot

pain. The inserts do not cure any physical abnormality or condition and

Recent classification decisions: athletic vs. nonathletic? Overshoes?

(4) NY N349967 (July 8, 2025)

(June 27, 2025) • Footwear: woman's casual shoe. Closed-toe, closed heel, lace-up,

textile upper, rubber/plastic (R/P) sole, valued over \$12/pair.

• **Takeaway**: The ruling notes that although the shoe has athletic

• **Product**: products designed to fit over shoes or boots to provide

traction on snow or ice-covered terrain while running, hiking, etc.

• **A few more things**: The product consists primarily of R/P around

R/P pieces set under the middle and the forefoot. These pieces are

from classification as athletic. CBP places classification in

6404.19.90 (9%)(4A). Read more.

NY N349762 (June 26, 2025)

styling, there is minimal underfoot cushioning, which excludes it

the perimeter of the foot. A textile strap is placed across the top of the foot. Additional straps are used to connect the R/P near the toes to the strap at the center over the foot. The outer sole consists of two

situations.

• **Takeaway**: CBP fixes classification in 6405.90.60 (12.5%)(4B), as

inserted with three 3mm steel studs. The back half of the sole

consists of R/P wrapped with 1.4 mm coils.

other footwear. Read more. **The FDRA Customs Report** is a newsletter of customs, 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

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