

Customs Report

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A few quick updates from FDRA on our December digital sample review,

forced labor stats, and recent classification decisions.

Footwear Tariff & Customs

FDRA Sample Review December 11th



(the event was moved from the original date due to the government shutdown).

• Important update: This year's event will provide continuing education credit for customs professionals. This FDRA event is worth 3

National Import Specialist Stacey Kalkines on Thursday, December 11th

Why it matters: Stacey is THE footwear classification decision maker at CBP, and this is a great opportunity to ask her questions in an off-the-record setting. We don't record the sample review, so you want to be

Continuing Education Units (CEUs)!

there live.

• There are more than 400 ways to classify a shoe, and small changes mean a huge difference in tariff rates — and costs for companies!

me at tcrockett@fdra.org ahead of the event, and we will discuss each sample with the expert panel live during the event.

Oh, also: CBP's Apparel, Footwear & Textiles Center team will join

• **Take note**: Please email pictures of your so footwear samples to

protection, and recent enforcement trends.

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us to talk about the Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act (UFLPA), IP

Forced labor enforcement news



713 (31%) have been released and 1440 (62%) have been denied entry.
593 shipments were detained in fiscal year 2025. 123 (21%) were

• 2331 total shipments have been detained since the law took effect.

• 79 shipments have been detained so far this fiscal year. 33 (42%) have been denied entry.

released, and 340 (57%) were denied entry.

 To our knowledge, no footwear shipments have been detained as being produced in or containing materials or components from

• That could still change, with the first-ever addition of a <u>footwear</u>

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

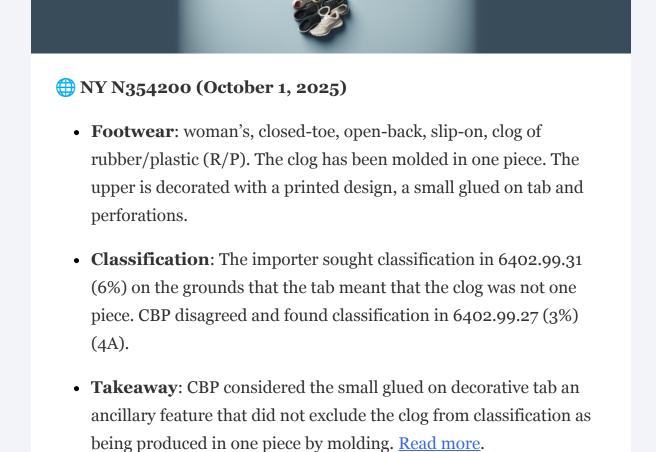
Yes, but: The stats group footwear with apparel and textiles **1**.

Recent classification decision

footwear factory on the list.

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

Xinjiang.



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specific situations.





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