

Table 1
Summary of tariffs to be removed in the event of a Free Trade Agreement

Item	Base Rate	Removal Period
Waterproof footwear with outer soles and uppers of rubber or plastics	37.5%	commence Jan. 1/89 effectively duty free Jan. 1/98
Footwear with outer soles of rubber, plastics, leather or composition leather and leather uppers	5 - 10%	commence Jan. 1/89 effectively duty free Jan. 1/98
Footwear with outer soles of leather, and uppers which consist of leather straps across the instep and around the big toe	10%	commence Jan. 1/89 effectively duty free Jan. 1/98
Sports footwear having uppers of which over 50% of the external surface is leather	10.5%	commence Jan. 1/89 effectively duty free Jan. 1/98
Footwear with outer soles of leather or composition leather	15 - 37.5%	commence Jan. 1/89 effectively duty free Jan. 1/98

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This section is based on the *1988 U.S. Industrial Outlook* published by the USDOC. This information provides a general forecast of short-term prospects and gives an indication of expected trends and developments in the U.S. footwear sector. While such information may be of interest, readers should proceed with caution in utilizing the data for the following reasons:

Firstly, although the USDOC is the source of both the "U.S. Imports 1982-87" (summarized above) and the "U.S. Industry Outlook", two different systems of product classification are used. Differences may not be obvious. In some cases, slightly different titles reflect very similar sets of products; in others, similar titles for sectors or product groups encompass a slightly different mix of products. Thus the market forecasts in the "U.S. Industry Outlook" section may cover a slightly different mix of products than the rest of this report;

Secondly, while most sections of the "U.S. Industry Outlook" address the entire sector, others address specific products or product groups. Forecasts made at both levels should be assessed carefully, as they may differ significantly from the prospects of any individual product included within them. It is therefore recommended that outlook data be used only as a general indication of sectoral prospects in the near term.