

# Storage and Disposal of Forfeited Infringing Goods: The U.S. Experience



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# Key IPR Result in 2012

- 22,848 shipments and 697 websites involved in trafficking the counterfeit goods were seized by U.S. Customs and Border Protection. The estimated value of total seizure was around US\$1.26 billion.
- China continues to be the primary source economy for counterfeit and pirated goods seized in the U.S., accounting for 72%, of all seizures in 2012.



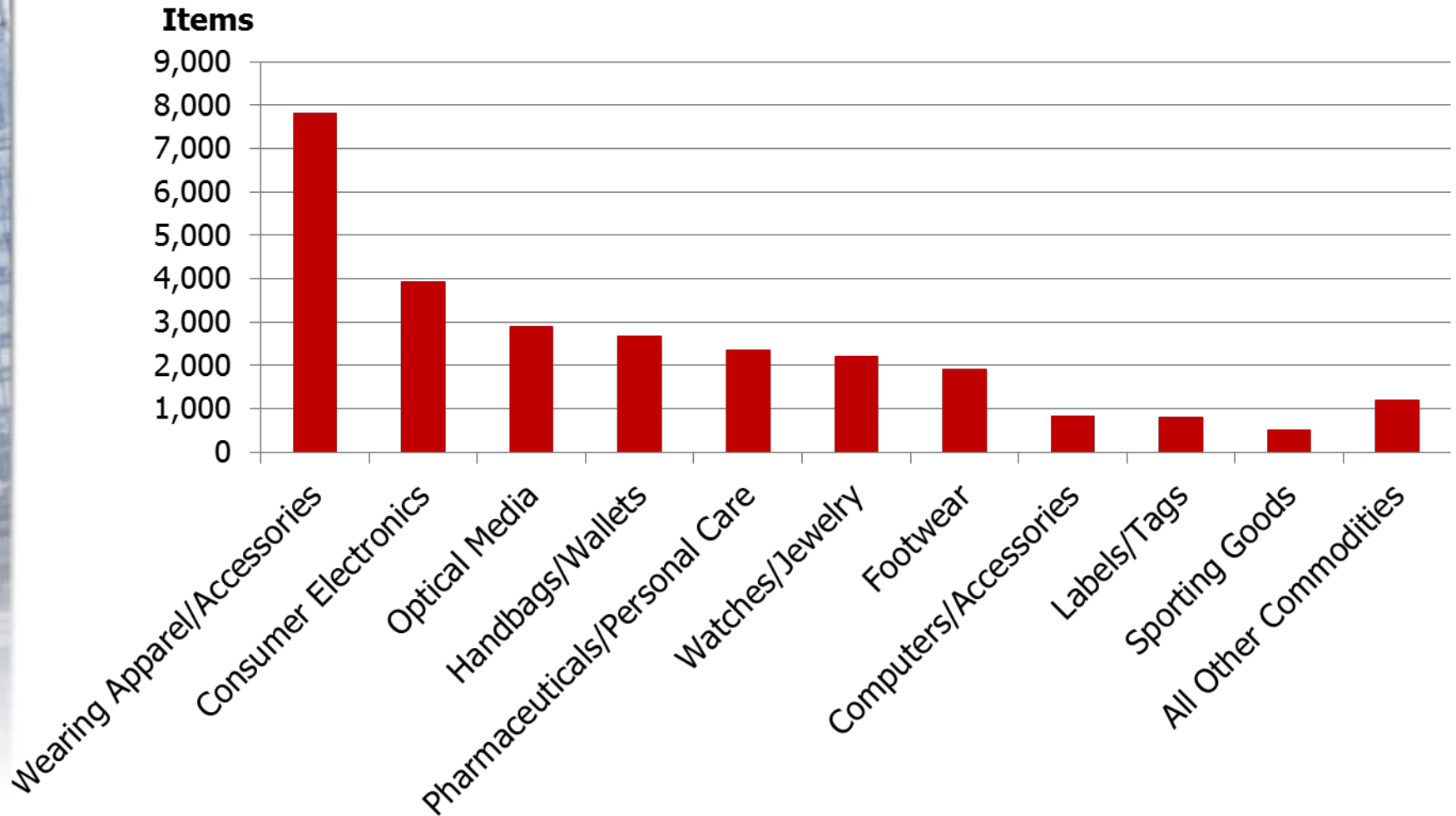
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- There were a total of 27,067 counterfeit items seized in 2012, with Wearing Apparel/Accessories at the top of the list, with 7,805 items seized or 29% of total numbers.



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# ROADS TO DESTRUCTION

- Administrative
  - U.S. Customs procedures
- Civil
  - Right owners may pursue civil litigation against the infringing party.
- Criminal
  - Criminal prosecution against infringing party, in which the right holder may provide testimony.



# SEIZURE

- Violation is confirmed, physical possession occurs, and the government moves to forfeit the property.
- Due process rights extended, e.g., notice of seizure and ability to petition for relief from forfeiture, right to remove from the administrative process and take the case to court, etc. ("Election of Proceedings").



# CUSTOMS IPR ENFORCEMENT





# SEIZURE

- **Right holder is notified of the seizure and provided the following information:**

- 1) Date of importation;
- 2) Port of entry;
- 3) Description of the merchandise;
- 4) Quantity;
- 5) Name and address of the manufacturer;
- 6) Country of origin;

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