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To prohibit the importation of seafood and seafood products from the Russian Federation, and for other purposes.

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Mr. Sullivan (for himself and Ms. Murkowski) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

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- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
- 4 This Act may be cited as the "United States-Russian
- 5 Federation Seafood Reciprocity Act of 2023".
- 6 SEC. 2. FINDINGS.
- 7 Congress makes the following findings:
- 8 (1) In 2014, the Russian Federation invaded
- 9 and annexed the Crimean Peninsula from Ukraine.

- (2) The United States and its allies imposed sanctions with respect to the Russian Federation as a result of that hostile and illegal action.
 - (3) In retaliation, the Government of the Russian Federation imposed an embargo on agricultural products, including seafood, imported from the United States, the European Union, Australia, Canada, and Norway.
 - (4) Before imposing the embargo, the Russian Federation was an important export market for United States seafood products.
 - (5) Imports into the United States of seafood products of Russian Federation origin increased roughly 173 percent in value between 2013, the year before the imposition of the embargo, and 2020.
 - (6) On March 11, 2022, the President issued Executive Order 14068 (87 Fed. Reg. 14381; relating to prohibiting certain imports, exports, and new investment with respect to continued Russian Federation aggression), which prohibited the importation of seafood of Russian Federation origin. The Office of Foreign Assets Control of the Department of the Treasury allowed imports of banned seafood that had pre-existing written contracts or written agreements until June 23, 2022.

- 1 (7) Executive Order 14068 does not prohibit 2 the importation of seafood products of Russian Fed-3 eration origin that are substantially transformed in 4 another country.
- 5 (8) Despite the brutal, illegal invasion of 6 Ukraine by the Russian Federation, seafood prod-7 ucts of Russian Federation origin continue to enter 8 United States commerce.

9 SEC. 3. SENSE OF CONGRESS.

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- 10 It is the sense of Congress that—
 - (1) aggression against Ukraine by the Government of the Russian Federation must prompt a reevaluation of United States-Russian Federation trade policies, particularly with respect to categories of goods for which the Government of the Russian Federation has already taken retaliatory action against the United States; and
 - (2) a robust United States seafood industry in which domestic consumers and businesses have access to and can purchase domestically and sustainably harvested seafood and seafood products supports national security and United States jobs.

1	SEC. 4. PROHIBITION ON ENTRY OF SEAFOOD AND SEA-
2	FOOD PRODUCTS FROM THE RUSSIAN FED-
3	ERATION.
4	(a) In General.—The importation into the United
5	States of any product described in subsection (b) is pro-
6	hibited.
7	(b) PRODUCTS DESCRIBED.—A product described in
8	this subsection is a product—
9	(1) classifiable under chapter 3 or heading
10	1604 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the
11	United States; and
12	(2) of Russian Federation origin, including any
13	such product incorporated into another product or
14	substantially transformed in a country other than
15	the Russian Federation.
16	SEC. 5. TERMINATION.
17	(a) In General.—The prohibition under section 4
18	shall terminate on the date that is 90 days after the date
19	on which the President determines and certifies to Con-
20	gress that the Government of the Russian Federation has
21	terminated its prohibition on the importation of seafood
22	products from the United States.
23	(b) Notification to U.S. Customs and Border
24	PROTECTION.—Upon making the certification described in
25	subsection (a), the President shall notify the Commis-
26	sioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection with re-

- 1 spect to the date on which the prohibition under section
- 2 4 terminates.
- 3 SEC. 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.
- 4 Section 4 applies with respect to articles imported on
- 5 or after the date that is 90 days after the date of the
- 6 enactment of this Act.

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