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To modify and reauthorize the Generalized System of Preferences, and for
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Mr. SMITH of Nebraska introduced the following bill; which was referred to
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A BILL

To modify and reauthorize the Generalized System of
Preferences, and for other purposes.

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 “Generalized System of*
 5 *Preferences Reform Act”.*

6 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREF-**
 7 **ERENCES.**

8 *(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 505 of the Trade Act of*
 9 *1974 (19 U.S.C. 2465) is amended by striking “December*
 10 *31, 2020” and inserting “December 31, 2030”.*

11 *(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—*

12 *(1) IN GENERAL.—The amendment made by sub-*
 13 *section (a) shall apply to articles entered on or after*
 14 *the 30th day after the date of the enactment of this*
 15 *Act.*

16 *(2) RETROACTIVE APPLICATION FOR CERTAIN*
 17 *LIQUIDATIONS AND RELIQUIDATIONS.—*

18 *(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding section*
 19 *514 of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1514)*
 20 *or any other provision of law and subject to sub-*
 21 *paragraph (B), any entry of a covered article to*
 22 *which duty-free treatment or other preferential*
 23 *treatment under title V of the Trade Act of 1974*
 24 *(19 U.S.C. 2461 et seq.) would have applied if*

1 *the entry had been made on December 31, 2020,*
2 *that was made—*

3 *(i) after December 31, 2020, and*

4 *(ii) before the effective date specified in*
5 *paragraph (1),*

6 *shall be liquidated or reliquidated as though such*
7 *entry occurred on the effective date specified in*
8 *paragraph (1).*

9 *(B) REQUESTS.—A liquidation or reliqui-*
10 *dation may be made under subparagraph (A)*
11 *with respect to an entry only if a request therefor*
12 *is filed with U.S. Customs and Border Protec-*
13 *tion not later than 180 days after the date of the*
14 *enactment of this Act that contains sufficient in-*
15 *formation to enable U.S. Customs and Border*
16 *Protection—*

17 *(i) to locate the entry; or*

18 *(ii) to reconstruct the entry if it can-*
19 *not be located.*

20 *(C) PAYMENT OF AMOUNTS OWED.—Any*
21 *amounts owed by the United States pursuant to*
22 *the liquidation or reliquidation of an entry of a*
23 *covered article under subparagraph (A) shall be*
24 *paid, without interest of any kind, not later than*

1 90 days after the date of the liquidation or re-
 2 liquidation (as the case may be).

3 (3) *DEFINITIONS.*—*In this subsection:*

4 (A) *COVERED ARTICLE.*—*The term “covered*
 5 *article” means an article from a country that is*
 6 *a beneficiary developing country under title V of*
 7 *the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2461 et seq.)*
 8 *as of the effective date specified in paragraph*
 9 *(1).*

10 (B) *ENTER; ENTRY.*—*The terms “enter”*
 11 *and “entry” include a withdrawal from ware-*
 12 *house for consumption.*

13 **SEC. 3. MODIFICATIONS TO DESIGNATIONS OF BENE-**
 14 **FICIARY COUNTRIES.**

15 (a) *MODIFICATIONS TO DESIGNATION ELIGIBILITY.*—
 16 *Section 502 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2462) is*
 17 *amended as follows:*

18 (1) *In subsection (b)(1), by adding at the end the*
 19 *following new subparagraph:*

20 “(J) *China.*”.

21 (2) *In subsection (b)(2)—*

22 (A) *by inserting after subparagraph (H) the*
 23 *following:*

24 “(I) *Such country has failed, in a manner*
 25 *affecting trade or investment—*

1 “(i) to effectively enforce its environ-
 2 mental laws or regulations through a sus-
 3 tained or recurring course of action or inac-
 4 tion; or

5 “(ii) to adopt and maintain measures
 6 implementing its obligations under common
 7 multilateral environmental agreements.

8 “(J) Such country engages in gross viola-
 9 tions of internationally recognized human rights
 10 in that country (including any designated zone
 11 in that country).”; and

12 (B) in the text following subparagraph (J)
 13 (as inserted by subparagraph (A)), by striking
 14 “and (H) (to the extent described in section
 15 507(6)(D))” and inserting “(H) (to the extent
 16 described in section 507(6)(D)), (I), and (J)”.

17 (3) In subsection (c)—

18 (A) in paragraph (6)(B), by striking “;
 19 and” and inserting a semicolon;

20 (B) in paragraph (7)—

21 (i) by striking “whether” and all that
 22 follows through “afford” and inserting “the
 23 extent to which such country is affording”;
 24 and

1 (ii) by striking the period at the end
2 and inserting a semicolon; and

3 (C) by adding at the end the following new
4 paragraphs:

5 “(8) the extent to which such country allows,
6 after the date of the enactment of this paragraph, con-
7 struction of military bases by a covered nation (as
8 such term is defined in section 4872 of title 10,
9 United States Code);

10 “(9) the extent to which such country—

11 “(A) provides open and equitable market
12 access for United States agriculture, including
13 through the adoption of science-based standards;

14 “(B) refrains from imposing unjustified
15 trade restrictions that affect new agricultural
16 technologies, including biotechnology;

17 “(C) refrains from providing domestic agri-
18 cultural subsidies that decrease market opportu-
19 nities for United States exports; and

20 “(D) refrains from imposing prohibitions
21 on the generic use of common food and beverage
22 terms;

23 “(10) the extent to which such country is deep-
24 ening its economic, diplomatic, and military rela-

1 *tions with covered nations (as such term is defined in*
2 *section 4872 of title 10, United States Code);*

3 *“(11) the extent to which such country has estab-*
4 *lished, or is making continual progress toward estab-*
5 *lishing—*

6 *“(A) the rule of law, political pluralism,*
7 *and the right to due process, a fair trial, and*
8 *equal protection under the law;*

9 *“(B) economic policies to reduce poverty,*
10 *increase the availability of health care and edu-*
11 *cational opportunities, expand physical infra-*
12 *structure, promote the development of private en-*
13 *terprise, and encourage the formation of capital*
14 *markets through micro-credit or other programs;*
15 *and*

16 *“(C) a system to combat corruption and*
17 *bribery, such as signing and implementing the*
18 *Convention on Combating Bribery of Foreign*
19 *Public Officials in International Business*
20 *Transactions, done at Paris December 17, 1997,*
21 *and entered into force February 15, 1999 (TIAS*
22 *99–215);*

23 *“(12) the extent to which such country provides*
24 *equitable and non-discriminatory tax treatment for*
25 *United States entities;*

1 “(13) the extent to which such country is effec-
 2 tively enforcing its environmental laws and regula-
 3 tions and adopting and maintaining measures imple-
 4 menting its obligations under common multilateral
 5 environmental agreements;

6 “(14) the extent to which such country is achiev-
 7 ing the goals described in section 3(b) of the Women’s
 8 Entrepreneurship and Economic Empowerment Act
 9 of 2018 (22 U.S.C. 2151–2(b));

10 “(15) whether such country engages in activities
 11 that undermine United States national security or
 12 foreign policy interests; and

13 “(16) the extent to which such country—

14 “(A) has imposed unreasonable digital trade
 15 barriers, such as unnecessary or discriminatory
 16 data localization or data transfer restrictions,
 17 discriminatory treatment of digital products, or
 18 forced disclosure of proprietary source code; and

19 “(B) has taken steps in the digital environ-
 20 ment to support consumer protections, the pri-
 21 vacy of personal information, and open digital
 22 ecosystems.”.

23 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 507 of the
 24 Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2467) is amended—

25 (1) in paragraph (4)—

1 (A) in subparagraph (D), by striking “;
2 and” and inserting a semicolon;

3 (B) in subparagraph (E), by striking the
4 period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

5 (C) by adding at the end the following:

6 “(F) the elimination of all forms of dis-
7 crimination with respect to occupation and em-
8 ployment.”; and

9 (2) by adding at the end the following:

10 “(7) COMMON MULTILATERAL ENVIRONMENTAL
11 AGREEMENT.—

12 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘common
13 multilateral environmental agreement’, for pur-
14 poses of determining the eligibility of a country
15 for designation as a beneficiary developing coun-
16 try under this title, means any agreement speci-
17 fied in subparagraph (B) to which both the
18 United States and that country are full parties,
19 including any current or future mutually agreed
20 upon protocols, amendments, annexes, or adjust-
21 ments to such an agreement.

22 “(B) AGREEMENTS SPECIFIED.—The agree-
23 ments specified in this subparagraph are the fol-
24 lowing:

1 “(i) *The Convention on International*
2 *Trade in Endangered Species of Wild*
3 *Fauna and Flora, done at Washington*
4 *March 3, 1973 (27 UST 1087; TIAS 8249).*

5 “(ii) *The Montreal Protocol on Sub-*
6 *stances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, done*
7 *at Montreal September 16, 1987.*

8 “(iii) *The Protocol of 1978 Relating to*
9 *the International Convention for the Pre-*
10 *vention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, done*
11 *at London February 17, 1978.*

12 “(iv) *The Convention on Wetlands of*
13 *International Importance, Especially as*
14 *Waterfowl Habitat, done at Ramsar Feb-*
15 *ruary 2, 1971 (TIAS 11084).*

16 “(v) *The Convention on the Conserva-*
17 *tion of Antarctic Marine Living Resources,*
18 *done at Canberra May 20, 1980 (33 UST*
19 *3476).*

20 “(vi) *The International Convention for*
21 *the Regulation of Whaling, done at Wash-*
22 *ington December 2, 1946 (62 Stat. 1716).*

23 “(vii) *The Convention for the Estab-*
24 *lishment of an Inter-American Tropical*

1 *Tuna Commission, done at Washington*
 2 *May 31, 1949 (1 UST 230).”.*

3 **SEC. 4. MODIFICATION OF PROVISIONS RELATING TO WITH-**
 4 **DRAWAL, SUSPENSION, OR LIMITATION OF**
 5 **COUNTRY DESIGNATION.**

6 *Section 502(d)(1) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C.*
 7 *(2462(d)(1)) is amended—*

8 *(1) by striking “the President shall consider the*
 9 *factors” and inserting “the President—*

10 *“(A) shall consider—*

11 *“(i) the factors”;*

12 *(2) by striking the period at the end and insert-*
 13 *ing a semicolon; and*

14 *(3) by adding at the end the following:*

15 *“(ii) the likely impacts of any such ac-*
 16 *tion on working toward, or continuing to*
 17 *meet, the criteria and factors described in*
 18 *subsections (b) and (c) of this section; and*

19 *“(iii) the likely impacts of any such*
 20 *action on workers and populations in the*
 21 *country that such criteria and factors are*
 22 *intended to help;*

23 *“(B) take all available steps to facilitate*
 24 *continued duty-free treatment under this title for*

1 *products with respect to which the imposition of*
 2 *duties is likely—*

3 “(i) *to have an adverse effect on meet-*
 4 *ing the criteria and factors described in*
 5 *subsections (b) and (c) of this section; or*

6 “(ii) *result in severe economic harm to*
 7 *the populations that such criteria and fac-*
 8 *tors are intended to help; and”.*

9 **SEC. 5. PROCEDURAL ENFORCEMENT REFORMS.**

10 *Section 502 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2462),*
 11 *as amended by sections 3 and 4, is further amended as fol-*
 12 *lows:*

13 (1) *In subsection (d)(1), by adding at the end the*
 14 *following:*

15 “(C) *hold a public hearing or provide for a*
 16 *period of not less than 30 days for submission of*
 17 *comments by the public.”.*

18 (2) *In subsection (f)(2)—*

19 (A) *in the paragraph heading, by inserting*
 20 *“OR SUSPENSION” after “TERMINATION”;*

21 (B) *by inserting “or suspend” after “termi-*
 22 *nate” each place it appears; and*

23 (C) *by inserting “or suspension” after “ter-*
 24 *mination”.*

25 (3) *By adding at the end the following:*

1 “(g) *PUBLICATION OF DETERMINATIONS RELATING TO*
 2 *PETITIONS FOR REVIEW.*—*The United States Trade Rep-*
 3 *resentative shall publish in the Federal Register a notice*
 4 *of, and the rationale for, any determination of the Trade*
 5 *Representative with respect to a petition for review of the*
 6 *eligibility of a country for designation as a beneficiary de-*
 7 *veloping country, including a determination—*

8 “(1) *to accept or deny such a petition;*

9 “(2) *to continue to review the eligibility of the*
 10 *country; or*

11 “(3) *to withdraw, suspend, or limit the applica-*
 12 *tion of duty-free treatment under this title with re-*
 13 *spect to the country.”.*

14 **SEC. 6. ASSESSMENT AND REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH**
 15 **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS.**

16 *Section 502 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended by*
 17 *sections 3 through 5, is further amended by adding at the*
 18 *end the following:*

19 “(h) *ASSESSMENT AND REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH*
 20 *ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS.*—

21 “(1) *IN GENERAL.*—*The President shall—*

22 “(A) *on an annual basis—*

23 “(i) *conduct assessments of the compli-*
 24 *ance of an appropriate number of countries*
 25 *designated as beneficiary developing coun-*

1 tries for purposes of this title in meeting or
 2 continuing to meet the eligibility require-
 3 ments under this title; and

4 “(ii) make determinations with respect
 5 to whether to initiate full reviews of the
 6 practices of those countries to assess the con-
 7 tinued eligibility of those countries for des-
 8 ignation as beneficiary developing countries
 9 under this title; and

10 “(B) submit to Congress a report consisting
 11 of the results of such assessments and determina-
 12 tions.

13 “(2) *FREQUENCY.*—The President shall conduct
 14 an assessment described in clause (i) of paragraph
 15 (1)(A) and make a determination described in clause
 16 (ii) of that paragraph with respect to each country
 17 designated as a beneficiary developing country for
 18 purposes of this title not less frequently than once
 19 every 3 years.”.

20 **SEC. 7. MODIFICATIONS TO RULES OF ORIGIN.**

21 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—Section 503(a)(2) of the Trade Act
 22 of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2463(a)(2)) is amended—

23 (1) in subparagraph (A), in the matter following
 24 clause (ii)(II), by striking “35 percent” and inserting
 25 “the percentage described in subparagraph (B)”;

1 (2) *by redesignating subparagraph (B) as sub-*
2 *paragraph (C);*

3 (3) *by inserting after subparagraph (A) the fol-*
4 *lowing:*

5 “(B) *PERCENTAGE DESCRIBED.—The per-*
6 *centage described in this subparagraph is—*

7 “(i) *in the case of articles entered be-*
8 *fore January 1, 2027, 35 percent;*

9 “(ii) *in the case of articles entered on*
10 *or after January 1, 2027, and before Janu-*
11 *ary 1, 2029, 40 percent;*

12 “(iii) *in the case of articles entered on*
13 *or after January 1, 2029, and before Janu-*
14 *ary 1, 2031, 45 percent; and*

15 “(iv) *in the case of articles entered on*
16 *or after January 1, 2031, 50 percent.”; and*

17 (4) *by adding at the end the following:*

18 “(D) *PASS-THROUGH AND COST OR VALUE*
19 *OF MATERIALS PRODUCED IN THE CUSTOMS TER-*
20 *RITORY OF THE UNITED STATES.—*

21 “(i) *IN GENERAL.—The duty-free treat-*
22 *ment provided under this title shall apply*
23 *to any article that meets the requirements of*
24 *this paragraph.*

1 “(ii) *EXCEPTION WITH RESPECT TO*
2 *MATERIALS PRODUCED IN THE CUSTOMS*
3 *TERRITORY OF THE UNITED STATES.—To*
4 *the extent that the cost or value of materials*
5 *produced in the customs territory of the*
6 *United States is included with respect to an*
7 *article, an amount not to exceed 15 percent*
8 *of the appraised value of the article at the*
9 *time it is entered that is attributed to such*
10 *United States cost or value may be applied*
11 *toward determining the applicable percent-*
12 *age described in subparagraph (B).*

13 “(iii) *NO PASS-THROUGH TO OTHER*
14 *PROGRAMS.—Notwithstanding clause (i),*
15 *duty-free treatment under any other pro-*
16 *gram providing such treatment for an arti-*
17 *cle, conditional on the eligibility of an arti-*
18 *cle to be treated as originating for purposes*
19 *of this paragraph, may only be extended to*
20 *an article that is otherwise eligible for duty-*
21 *free treatment under this title in a calendar*
22 *year—*

23 “(I) *if the article would remain*
24 *eligible for such treatment even if sub-*
25 *paragraph (A) were applied by sub-*

stituting ‘35 percent’ for ‘the percentage described in subparagraph (B)’ with respect to that calendar year; and

“(II) if no amount attributable to United States cost or value, as authorized by clause (ii) of this subparagraph, would be required to be applied in order to achieve such eligibility.”.

(b) *REPORT.*—

(1) *IN GENERAL.*—Not later than January 1, 2026, the United States Trade Representative shall submit to Congress a report on the impact of the Generalized System of Preferences rule of origin requirements under section 503(a)(2)(A)(ii)(I) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2463(a)(2)(A)(ii)(I)) in fostering regional economic integration through program cumulation among regional associations.

(2) *MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.*—The report required under this subsection shall include recommendations regarding—

(A) new regional associations eligible for treatment as one country under the provisions of section 507(2) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2467(2)); and

1 *(B) updates to the rule of origin method-*
 2 *ology under section 503 of such Act that would*
 3 *better maximize content from beneficiary devel-*
 4 *oping countries and the United States.*

5 **SEC. 8. MODIFICATIONS TO COMPETITIVE NEED LIMITA-**
 6 **TION.**

7 *(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 503 of the Trade Act of*
 8 *1974 (19 U.S.C. 2463) is amended—*

9 *(1) in subsection (c)(2)—*

10 *(A) in subparagraph (A)(ii)—*

11 *(i) in subclause (I), by striking “for*
 12 *1996, \$75,000,000” and inserting “for cal-*
 13 *endar year 2023, \$500,000,000”; and*

14 *(ii) in subclause (II), by striking*
 15 *“\$5,000,000” and inserting “2.5 percent of*
 16 *such applicable amount”;*

17 *(B) in subparagraph (C), by striking “may,*
 18 *subject” and inserting “should, subject”; and*

19 *(C) in subparagraph (F)(ii)—*

20 *(i) in subclause (I), by striking “for*
 21 *calendar year 1996, \$13,000,000” and in-*
 22 *serting “for calendar year 2023,*
 23 *\$50,000,000”; and*

1 (ii) in subclause (II), by striking
 2 “\$500,000” and inserting “2.5 percent of
 3 such applicable amount”;

4 (2) in subsection (d)(4)(B), by adding at the end
 5 the following:

6 “(iii) Clause (ii)(II) shall not apply with
 7 respect to any article if a like or directly com-
 8 petitive article was not produced in the United
 9 States in any of the preceding 3 calendar
 10 years.”.

11 (b) *APPLICABILITY.*—

12 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—The amendments made by
 13 subsection (a) shall take effect on the date of the en-
 14 actment of this Act.

15 (2) *RESTORATION OF DUTY-FREE TREATMENT.*—

16 (A) *LIST REQUIRED.*—Not later than 120
 17 days after the date of the enactment of this Act,
 18 the President shall—

19 (i) list each article with respect to
 20 which duty-free treatment was eliminated
 21 (as of the date of the enactment of this Act)
 22 pursuant to subsection (c) of section 503 of
 23 the Trade Act of 1974 that is eligible for
 24 such treatment pursuant to such section 503

1 *as amended by subsection (a) of this section;*

2 *and*

3 (ii) *determine, with respect to each*
4 *such article, whether the article is a poten-*
5 *tially sensitive product that warrants re-*
6 *view pursuant to subsection (c)(1) of such*
7 *section 503 for the continued withholding of*
8 *duty-free treatment.*

9 (B) *PROMPT RESTORATION.—Except for ar-*
10 *ticles for which the President makes an affirma-*
11 *tive determination pursuant to subparagraph*
12 *(A)(ii), the President shall restore duty-free*
13 *treatment to each article included in the list de-*
14 *scribed in subparagraph (A)(i) on such 120th*
15 *day after date of enactment.*

16 (3) *EXPEDITED REVIEW OF CERTAIN ARTICLES*
17 *FOR EXCLUSION FROM DUTY-FREE TREATMENT.—The*
18 *President shall review, pursuant to section 503(c)(1)*
19 *of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2463(c)(1)),*
20 *whether duty-free treatment should continue to be*
21 *withheld from each article for which the President*
22 *makes an affirmative determination pursuant to*
23 *paragraph (2)(A)(ii). Not later than 1 year after the*
24 *date of the enactment of this Act, the President shall*
25 *restore duty-free treatment to each article for which*

1 *such review determines that such treatment should not*
 2 *be withheld.*

3 *(4) REPORTS.—Not later than 1 year after the*
 4 *date of the enactment of this Act, the President shall*
 5 *submit to the Committee on Ways and Means of the*
 6 *House of Representatives and the Committee on Fi-*
 7 *nance of the Senate a report containing—*

8 *(A) the results of the reviews conducted pur-*
 9 *suant to paragraph (3); and*

10 *(B) justifications for the reasons for which*
 11 *duty-free treatment was withheld or restored*
 12 *with respect to articles described in such para-*
 13 *graph.*

14 **SEC. 9. EXPEDITED PRODUCT COVERAGE PETITION PROC-**
 15 **ESS.**

16 *(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the*
 17 *date of the enactment of this Act, the United States Inter-*
 18 *national Trade Commission shall publish in the Federal*
 19 *Register and on a publicly available internet website of the*
 20 *Commission a notice requesting interested parties to submit*
 21 *to the Commission, during the 60-day period beginning on*
 22 *the date of such publication, a petition—*

23 *(1) to add one or more headings or subheadings*
 24 *of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United*
 25 *States to, or remove one or more such headings or*

1 subheadings from, the list of articles that may not be
 2 designated as an eligible article for duty-free treat-
 3 ment pursuant to section 503(b) of the Trade Act of
 4 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2463(b)); or

5 (2) to provide duty-free treatment to one or more
 6 headings or subheadings of the Harmonized Tariff
 7 Schedule under the Generalized System of Preferences
 8 that are—

9 (A) not restricted under such section 503(b)
 10 from designation as an eligible article; and

11 (B) not otherwise designated an eligible ar-
 12 ticle by the President pursuant to section 501 or
 13 section 503(a) of such Act (19 U.S.C. 2461;
 14 2463(a)).

15 (b) CONTENTS OF PETITION.—A petition submitted
 16 pursuant to subsection (a) shall be eligible for consideration
 17 under the process provided by this section only if such peti-
 18 tion includes—

19 (1) the name and address of the petitioner;

20 (2) the 8-digit subheading level or levels under
 21 the Harmonized Tariff Schedule with respect to which
 22 the petition is submitted; and

23 (3) for a petition submitted pursuant to sub-
 24 section (a), a certification that the petitioner is an
 25 interested party and a brief description of the manner

1 *and extent to which the petitioner is a likely bene-*
2 *ficiary with respect to the addition or removal of the*
3 *heading or subheading level concerned.*

4 *(c) PUBLICATION OF PETITIONS.—As soon as prac-*
5 *ticable after the 60-day period described in subsection (a),*
6 *and not later than 30 days after the end of such period,*
7 *the Commission shall publish on a publicly available inter-*
8 *net website of the Commission the contents of each petition*
9 *received.*

10 *(d) OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT.—During*
11 *the 45-day period beginning on the date of the publication*
12 *of petitions pursuant to subsection (c), the Commission*
13 *shall publish in the Federal Register and on a publicly*
14 *available internet website of the Commission a notice re-*
15 *questing members of the public to submit comments to the*
16 *Commission with respect to the changes sought by the peti-*
17 *tions.*

18 *(e) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date of*
19 *the enactment of this Act, the Commission shall submit to*
20 *the appropriate congressional committees a report on each*
21 *eligible petition submitted pursuant to the process provided*
22 *by this section that includes, with respect to the article or*
23 *articles concerned in each such petition—*

24 *(1) data from the 5 most recent calendar years*
25 *for which complete information is available on—*

1 (A) *sources of imports;*

2 (B) *values of imports;*

3 (C) *market share of imports (to the extent*
4 *practical); and*

5 (D) *domestic production (to the extent prac-*
6 *tical);*

7 (2) *any information on whether the product is*
8 *used as an input in United States manufacturing;*
9 *and*

10 (3) *a summary of information provided in the*
11 *form of comments rebutting or objecting to the peti-*
12 *tion.*

13 (f) *AUTHORITIES.—*

14 (1) *PROCEDURES.—The Commission shall pre-*
15 *scribe and publish in the Federal Register and on a*
16 *publicly available internet website of the Commission*
17 *all procedures to be complied with by members of the*
18 *public submitting petitions.*

19 (2) *JUDICIAL REVIEW PRECLUDED.—The exercise*
20 *of functions under this section shall not be subject to*
21 *judicial review.*

22 (g) *INTERESTED PARTY DEFINED.—In this section,*
23 *the term “interested party” has the definition given such*
24 *term in section 771 of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C.*

1 1677), *except that an interested party under this section*
 2 *may not include—*

3 (1) *any person described in paragraph (9)(A) of*
 4 *such section, other than a person that is an importer*
 5 *or a business association of importers; or*

6 (2) *any person described in paragraph (9)(B) or*
 7 *(9)(G) of such section.*

8 ***SEC. 10. EXTENSION OF CUSTOMS USER FEES.***

9 (a) *IN GENERAL.—Section 13031(j)(3) of the Consoli-*
 10 *dated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 (19*
 11 *U.S.C. 58c(j)(3)) is amended—*

12 (1) *in subparagraph (A), by striking “September*
 13 *30, 2031” and inserting “September 30, 2033”; and*

14 (2) *in subparagraph (B)(i), by striking “Sep-*
 15 *tember 30, 2031” and inserting “September 30,*
 16 *2033”.*

17 (b) *RATE FOR MERCHANDISE PROCESSING FEES.—*
 18 *Section 503 of the United States-Korea Free Trade Agree-*
 19 *ment Implementation Act (Public Law 112–41; 19 U.S.C.*
 20 *3805 note) is amended by striking “September 30, 2031”*
 21 *and inserting “September 30, 2033”.*

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