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H. R. 3748

To amend the Animal Health Protection Act to improve the prevention of the spread of animal diseases, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 30, 2023

Mr. FEENSTRA (for himself and Mr. PANETTA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Safe American Food
5 Exports Act of 2023” or the “SAFE Act of 2023”.

6 **SEC. 2. ENGAGEMENT WITH KEY EXPORT MARKETS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 10405 of the Animal
8 Health Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 8304) is amended—

1 (1) by redesignating subsection (d) as sub-
2 section (e); and

3 (2) by inserting after subsection (c) the fol-
4 lowing:

5 “(d) ENGAGEMENT WITH KEY EXPORT MARKETS.—

6 “(1) IN GENERAL.—To reduce the impact of
7 animal disease outbreaks on United States exports,
8 the Secretary, acting through the Administrator of
9 the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, the
10 Under Secretary of Agriculture for Trade and For-
11 eign Agricultural Affairs, and the Administrator of
12 the Food Safety and Inspection Service, in consulta-
13 tion with the United States Trade Representative, is
14 authorized to negotiate regionalization, zoning,
15 compartmentalization, and other trade agreements
16 regarding outbreaks of known animal disease threats
17 of trade significance with the governments of coun-
18 tries with export markets for livestock animals or
19 animal products from the United States.

20 “(2) RESEARCH.—A negotiation carried out
21 under paragraph (1) should seek to take into ac-
22 count accepted global research advances.”.

23 (b) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
24 tion may be construed—

1 (1) to limit the ability of the United States
2 Trade Representative to negotiate trade agreements;
3 or

4 (2) to require the United States Trade Rep-
5 resentative to condition other trade agreements on
6 the inclusion of language relating to reducing the
7 impact of animal disease outbreaks on United States
8 exports, as described in subsection (d)(1) of section
9 10405 of the Animal Health Protection Act (7
10 U.S.C. 3804).

11 **SEC. 3. NOTIFICATION SYSTEM.**

12 The Secretary of Agriculture shall promulgate a reg-
13 ulation to require that, in the case of any language re-
14 moved from the Import and Export Library of the Food
15 Safety and Inspection Service, the Administrator of the
16 Food Safety and Inspection Service shall directly notify
17 each State department of agriculture, each lead State
18 agency for animal disease, and any State and national pro-
19 ducer organizations representing impacted livestock pro-
20 ducers not later than 3 days after such removal.

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