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H. R. 6399

To require a report on the competitiveness of United States exports of specialty crops.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. BONAMICI (for herself, Mr. VALADAO, and Ms. SLOTKIN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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 “Specialty Crops Re-
5 porting on Opportunities and Promotion Act of 2023” or
6 the “Specialty CROP Act of 2023”.

7 **SEC. 2. REPORT ON COMPETITIVENESS OF UNITED STATES**

8 **EXPORTS OF SPECIALTY CROPS.**

9 Section 203(e)(7) of the Agricultural Trade Act of
10 1978 (7 U.S.C. 5623(e)(7)) is amended to read as follows:

1 “(7) ANNUAL REPORT.—

2 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Each year, the Sec-
3 retary, in consultation with the United States
4 Trade Representative, shall submit to the ap-
5 propriate committees of Congress a report de-
6 tailing the competitiveness of United States ex-
7 ports of specialty crops.

8 “(B) ELEMENTS.—The report required by
9 subparagraph (A) shall—

10 “(i) identify and analyze acts, policies,
11 or practices of foreign countries that con-
12 stitute significant barriers to, or distor-
13 tions of United States exports of specialty
14 crops, including the imposition of—

15 “(I) tariffs (including retaliatory
16 tariffs) and quotas (including tariff-
17 rate quotas); and

18 “(II) nontariff barriers, including
19 technical barriers to trade, sanitary
20 and phytosanitary measures, import
21 licensing procedures, and subsidies;

22 “(ii) make an estimate—

23 “(I) of the impacts on the com-
24 petitiveness of United States exports
25 of specialty crops of any act, policy, or

1 practice identified under clause (i);
2 and

3 “(II) if feasible, of the value of
4 additional specialty crops that would,
5 during the year preceding submission
6 of the report, have been exported from
7 the United States to each foreign
8 country an act, policy, or practice of
9 which is identified under clause (i) if
10 each such act, policy, or practice of
11 that country did not exist;

12 “(iii) assess the extent to which each
13 act, policy, or practice identified under
14 clause (i) is subject to international agree-
15 ments to which the United States is a
16 party;

17 “(iv) include information with respect
18 to any action taken by the executive
19 branch during the year preceding submis-
20 sion of the report, or expected to be taken
21 after submission of the report, to eliminate
22 any act, policy, or practice identified under
23 clause (i), including—

24 “(I) any action under section
25 301;

1 “(II) negotiations or consulta-
2 tions with foreign governments, which
3 may include engagement through the
4 standing committee on sanitary and
5 phytosanitary matters established
6 under a free trade agreement to which
7 the United States is a party; and

8 “(III) action at the World Trade
9 Organization, including dispute settle-
10 ment actions, consultations, or nego-
11 tiations; and

12 “(v) a description of—

13 “(I) any funds provided under
14 subsection (f)(3)(A)(iv) that were not
15 obligated in the fiscal year preceding
16 submission of the report; and

17 “(II) the reason such funds were
18 not obligated.

19 “(C) COMMENT PERIOD.—Before pre-
20 paring the report required by subparagraph
21 (A), the Secretary, in coordination with the
22 United States Trade Representative, shall—

23 “(i) seek comment from the public
24 and the Agricultural Technical Advisory

1 Committee for Trade in Fruits and Vege-
2 tables; and

3 “(ii) take such comments into account
4 in preparing the report.

5 “(D) FORM OF REPORT.—

6 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The report re-
7 quired by subparagraph (A) shall be sub-
8 mitted in unclassified form, but may in-
9 clude a classified annex.

10 “(ii) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The un-
11 classified portion of the report required by
12 subparagraph (A) shall be made available
13 to the public in machine readable format.”.

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