

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

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To establish a program to issue general import licenses to permit a certified importer to pay reduced or waived tariffs or other duties on certain articles, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. MILLER of Ohio introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

To establish a program to issue general import licenses to permit a certified importer to pay reduced or waived tariffs or other duties on certain articles, 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 “Trusted Importer and
5 Competitive Manufacturing Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF TRUSTED IMPORTER PRO-**
2 **GRAM.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
4 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Com-
5 merce, in consultation with the Commissioner of U.S. Cus-
6 toms and Border Protection, shall establish a program to
7 certify an importer as a “Trusted Importer” (hereinafter
8 the “certification program”) based on the following cri-
9 teria:

10 (1) Compliance with applicable trade and cus-
11 toms laws.

12 (2) Supply chain security and internal controls.

13 (3) Financial solvency and operational capacity.

14 (4) Promotion of manufacturing competitive-
15 ness of the United States.

16 (b) ISSUANCE OF GENERAL IMPORT LICENSE.—
17 Upon certification under subsection (a), the Secretary of
18 Commerce, in consultation with the Commissioner of U.S.
19 Customs and Border Protection and the United States
20 Trade Representative, shall issue a Trusted Importer a
21 “general import license” to pay reduced or waived tariffs
22 or other duties on each article determined under sub-
23 section (d).

24 (c) DURATION AND RENEWAL OF LICENSE.—A gen-
25 eral import license shall be valid for 10 years and may
26 be renewed by a Trusted Importer for a successive 10-

1 year period upon demonstration of continued compliance
2 with the certification program.

3 (d) TARIFF AUTHORITY.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided under
5 paragraph (3), the President, in coordination with
6 the Secretary of Commerce and the United States
7 Trade Representative, shall reduce or waive tariffs
8 or other duties on any article imported by a Trusted
9 Importer, based on the criteria under paragraph (2),
10 to strengthen the United States economy to the
11 maximum extent practical.

12 (2) CRITERIA.—In determining such reductions,
13 the President shall consider the—

14 (A) competitiveness of United States man-
15 ufacturers;

16 (B) protection of domestic supply chains;
17 and

18 (C) promotion of new market access for ar-
19 ticles originating in the United States.

20 (3) EXCEPTIONS.—The President may not re-
21 duce or waive a tariff or duty—

22 (A) imposed pursuant to—

23 (i) a countervailing duty or anti-
24 dumping duty order under Title VII of the

1 Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1653 et
2 seq.);

3 (ii) an investigation under section 201
4 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C.
5 2251); or

6 (B) imposed before January 1, 2025; or

7 (C) to amount below that set forth in col-
8 umn 1 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of
9 the United States.

10 (e) COORDINATION.—The Secretary of Commerce
11 shall coordinate with the Commissioner of U.S. Customs
12 and Border Protection to ensure proper reporting,
13 verification, and enforcement of the certification program.

14 (f) REVOCATION.—The Secretary of Commerce, in
15 consultation with the Commissioner of U.S. Customs and
16 Border Protection, may revoke or suspend a license for—

17 (1) failure to maintain compliance with the cer-
18 tification program;

19 (2) knowingly or negligently submitting materi-
20 ally false or misleading information; or

21 (3) conduct undermining the integrity of the
22 certification program, including—

23 (A) fraud, misrepresentation, or conceal-
24 ment of a material fact in connection with the

1 application for, or use of, a general import li-
2 cense;

3 (B) willful or repeated violations of any—

4 (i) United States customs or trade
5 laws; or

6 (ii) regulation administered by the
7 Secretary of the Treasury, the Secretary of
8 Homeland Security, or the Secretary of
9 Commerce;

10 (C) failure to maintain or produce any
11 record as required under this Act or under any
12 regulation issued pursuant to this Act;

13 (D) facilitation of smuggling, unlawful
14 transshipment, diversion of goods, or any other
15 act that materially threatens public safety, na-
16 tional security, or the integrity of the United
17 States supply chain; or

18 (E) a demonstrated pattern of abuse or
19 gross negligence in complying with the require-
20 ments of this Act or regulations issued pursu-
21 ant to this Act.

22 (g) FOREIGN ENTITY OF CONCERN RESTRICTIONS.—

23 An entity is ineligible to apply for the certification pro-
24 gram and receive a general import license if it is—

1 (1) a Prohibited Foreign Entity (as such term
2 is defined in section 70512 of Public Law 119–21
3 (commonly known as the “One Big Beautiful Bill
4 Act”)), including entities with substantial ownership,
5 control, or influence by specified foreign entities of
6 concern; or

7 (2) engaged in activities detrimental to United
8 States national security, including transactions with
9 any such Prohibited Foreign Entity.

10 (h) DIRECTED RULEMAKING.—The Secretary of
11 Commerce, in consultation with the Commissioner of U.S.
12 Customs and Border Protection, shall issue such regula-
13 tions as are necessary to implement this section, including
14 procedures to apply for a general import license, review
15 and appeal the denial of a general import license, and
16 renew and repeal a general import license.

17 (i) REPORTING.—Not later than two years after en-
18 actment of this Act, and every two years thereafter, the
19 Secretary of Commerce and the Commissioner of U.S.
20 Customs and Border Protection shall report to the Com-
21 mittee on Ways and Means of the House of Representa-
22 tives and the Committee on Finance of the Senate on
23 the—

24 (1) licenses issued, renewed, or revoked under
25 the certification program;

1 (2) volume and value of articles imported under
2 a general import license;

3 (3) compliance and enforcement actions under
4 the certification program; and

5 (4) impact of the certification program on man-
6 ufacturing competitiveness of the United States, in-
7 cluding the potential impacts and harm to domestic
8 manufacturing.

9 (j) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
10 tion shall be construed to limit, restrict, or otherwise af-
11 fect the authority of the President to impose, modify, or
12 maintain any duty, tariff, import restriction, or other
13 trade measure under any provision of law.

14 (k) APPLICABILITY.—This Act shall apply to with re-
15 spect to articles entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for
16 consumption, on or after the date that is 180 days after
17 the date of enactment of this Act.