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H. R. 6555

To modify the competitive need limitation with respect to the generalized system of preferences, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 1, 2023

Mr. MOORE of Utah (for himself and Ms. DELBENE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

To modify the competitive need limitation with respect to 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 “CNL Update Act of
5 2023”.

6 **SEC. 2. MODIFICATION OF COMPETITIVE NEED LIMITA-**
7 **TION.**

8 (a) MODIFICATION.—Section 503 of the Trade Act
9 of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2463) is amended—

10 (1) in subsection (c)(2)(A)(i)—

1 (A) by striking “after December 31,
2 1995— (I) a quantity” and inserting “after De-
3 cember 31, 1995, a quantity”; and

4 (B) by striking “calendar year, or” and all
5 that follows through “the President shall,” and
6 inserting “calendar year, the President shall,”;

7 (2) in subsection (c)(2)(A)(ii)—

8 (A) in subclause (I), by striking “for 1996,
9 \$75,000,000” and inserting “for calendar year
10 2023, \$600,000,000”; and

11 (B) in subclause (II), by striking
12 “\$5,000,000” and inserting “5 percent of such
13 applicable amount”;

14 (3) in subsection (c)(2)(C), by striking “may,
15 subject” and inserting “should, subject”;

16 (4) by striking subsection (c)(2)(E) and sub-
17 section (c)(2)(F);

18 (5) by inserting after subsection (c)(2)(D) the
19 following new subparagraph:

20 “(E) CALCULATION OF LIMITATIONS.—

21 There shall be counted against the limitations
22 imposed under subparagraph (A) for any cal-
23 endar year only that value of any eligible article
24 of a beneficiary developing country that entered

1 duty-free under this title during such calendar
2 year.”;

3 (6) in subsection (d)(1), by striking “if, before”
4 and all that follows through “the President” and in-
5 serting “if the President”; and

6 (7) in subsection (d)(4)(B)(ii)—

7 (A) in subclause (I), by striking “; or” and
8 inserting a period;

9 (B) in the matter preceding subclause (I),
10 by striking “a quantity of the article—(I) hav-
11 ing an appraised value” and inserting “a quan-
12 tity of the article having an appraised value”;
13 and

14 (C) by striking subclause (II).

15 (b) APPLICABILITY.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—The amendments made by
17 subsection (a) shall take effect on the date of the en-
18 actment of this Act.

19 (2) RESTORATION OF DUTY-FREE TREAT-
20 MENT.—

21 (A) LIST REQUIRED.—Not later than 120
22 days after the date of the enactment of this
23 Act, the President shall—

24 (i) list each article with respect to
25 which such treatment was eliminated pur-

1 suant to subsection (c) of section 503 of
2 the Trade Act of 1974, as in effect on De-
3 cember 31, 2020, that is eligible for such
4 treatment pursuant to such section 503 as
5 amended by this Act; and

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

12 (B) PROMPT RESTORATION.—Except for
13 articles for which the President makes an af-
14 firmative determination pursuant to subpara-
15 graph (A)(ii), the President shall restore duty-
16 free treatment to each article included in the
17 list described in subparagraph (A)(i) on such
18 120th day after date of enactment.

19 (3) EXPEDITED REVIEW OF CERTAIN ARTICLES
20 FOR EXCLUSION FROM DUTY-FREE TREATMENT.—

21 The President shall review, pursuant to section
22 503(c)(1) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C.
23 2463(c)(1)), whether duty-free treatment should
24 continue to be withheld from each article for which
25 the President makes an affirmative determination

1 pursuant to paragraph (2)(A)(ii). Not later than 1
2 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
3 President shall restore duty-free treatment to each
4 article for which such review determines that such
5 treatment should not be withheld.

6 (4) REPORTS.—Not later than 1 year after the
7 date of the enactment of this Act, the President
8 shall submit to the Committee on Ways and Means
9 of the House of Representatives and the Committee
10 on Finance of the Senate a report containing—

11 (A) the results of the reviews conducted
12 pursuant to paragraph (3); and

13 (B) justifications for the reasons for which
14 duty-free treatment was withheld or restored
15 with respect to articles described in such para-
16 graph.

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