

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 8212

To provide for nonapplicability of a policy of denial for exports, re-exports, or transfers of defense articles and defense services destined for or originating in the Republic of Cyprus.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 1, 2024

Mr. PAPPAS (for himself, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Ms. TITUS, and Ms. MALLIOTAKIS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

A BILL

To provide for nonapplicability of a policy of denial for exports, re-exports, or transfers of defense articles and defense services destined for or originating in the Republic of Cyprus.

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 “End the Cyprus Em-
5 bargo Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

7 It is the sense of Congress that—

1 (1) allowing for the export, re-export, or trans-
2 fer of arms subject to the United States Munitions
3 List to the Republic of Cyprus would advance
4 United States security interests in Europe by help-
5 ing to reduce the dependence of the Government of
6 the Republic of Cyprus on other countries, including
7 countries that pose challenges to United States in-
8 terests around the world, for defense-related mate-
9 riel;

10 (2) the Republic of Cyprus has successfully
11 complied with the conditions set forth in the Eastern
12 Mediterranean Security and Energy Partnership Act
13 of 2019 (title X of division J of Public Law 116–
14 94) for the purposes of modifying the prohibitions of
15 the sale or other provisions of any defense article or
16 defense service to the Government of the Republic of
17 Cyprus and modifying the policy of denial for ex-
18 ports, re-exports, or transfers of defense articles on
19 the United States Munitions List to the Republic of
20 Cyprus; and

21 (3) it is in the interest of the United States—

22 (A) to continue to support United Nations-
23 facilitated efforts toward a comprehensive solu-
24 tion to the division of Cyprus;

1 (B) to enhance the strategic partnership
2 and security relationship between the United
3 States and Republic of Cyprus as provided for
4 in the Eastern Mediterranean Security and En-
5 ergy Partnership Act of 2019;

6 (C) to enhance the cooperation between the
7 United States Armed Forces and the National
8 Guard of the Republic of Cyprus and to en-
9 hance existing programs such as the joint train-
10 ing between the National Guards of the Repub-
11 lic of Cyprus and the State of New Jersey
12 under the auspices of the Department of De-
13 fense’s State Partnership Program; and

14 (D) for the Republic of Cyprus to join
15 NATO’s Partnership for Peace program.

16 **SEC. 3. NONAPPLICABILITY OF A POLICY OF DENIAL FOR**
17 **EXPORTS, RE-EXPORTS, OR TRANSFERS OF**
18 **DEFENSE ARTICLES AND DEFENSE SERVICES**
19 **DESTINED FOR OR ORIGINATING IN THE RE-**
20 **PUBLIC OF CYPRUS.**

21 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subsection (d) and ex-
22 cept as provided in subsection (b), beginning on the date
23 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall
24 not apply a policy of denial for exports, re-exports, or

1 transfers of defense articles and defense services destined
2 for or originating in the Republic of Cyprus if—

3 (1) the request is made by or on behalf of the
4 Government of the Republic of Cyprus; and

5 (2) the end-user of such defense articles or de-
6 fense services is the Government of the Republic of
7 Cyprus.

8 (b) EXCEPTION.—The exclusion provided for in sub-
9 section (a) shall not apply with respect to the application
10 of a policy of denial based upon credible human rights con-
11 cerns.

12 (c) WAIVER.—The President may waive the exclusion
13 provided for in subsection (a) for a period of one fiscal
14 year if the President determines that it is essential to the
15 national security interests of the United States to do so.

16 (d) TERMINATION.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—The President may termi-
18 nate the exclusion provided for in subsection (a) for
19 the 5-year period beginning on the date that is 5
20 years after the date of the enactment of this Act,
21 and may renew such termination for subsequent 5-
22 year periods, if, prior to each such 5-year period, the
23 President submits to the appropriate congressional
24 committees a certification that the Government of
25 the Republic of Cyprus is no longer—

1 (A) cooperating with the United States
2 Government in efforts to implement reforms on
3 anti-money laundering regulations and financial
4 regulatory oversight; and

5 (B) denying Russian military vessels access
6 to ports for refueling and servicing.

7 (2) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
8 TEES DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term “ap-
9 propriate congressional committees” means—

10 (A) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and
11 the Committee on Armed Services of the House
12 of Representatives; and

13 (B) the Committee on Foreign Relations
14 and the Committee on Armed Services of the
15 Senate.

○