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

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 21, 2023

Mr. BRAUN (for himself, Ms. SMITH, Mr. COONS, and Mr. WICKER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

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.—The Secretary, acting
7 through the Administrator of the Animal and Plant
8 Health Inspection Service and the Under Secretary
9 of Agriculture for Trade and Foreign Agricultural
10 Affairs, in coordination with the Administrator of
11 the Food Safety and Inspection Service, may pre-
12 emptively negotiate, to the extent practicable, re-
13 gionalization agreements regarding outbreaks of
14 known animal disease threats with the governments
15 of countries with key export markets for any animal,
16 article, or associated means of conveyance from the
17 United States.

18 “(2) RESEARCH.—A negotiation carried out
19 under paragraph (1) is encouraged to take into ac-
20 count accepted global research advances.”.

21 (b) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
22 tion—

23 (1) limits the ability of the Secretary of Agri-
24 culture to negotiate trade agreements; or

1 (2) requires the Secretary of Agriculture to con-
2 dition other trade agreements on the inclusion of
3 language relating to regionalization as described in
4 subsection (d)(1) of section 10405 of the Animal
5 Health Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 3804).

6 **SEC. 3. EXPORT LIBRARY ADMINISTRATION.**

7 The Secretary of Agriculture shall promulgate a reg-
8 ulation to require that, in the case of any language re-
9 moved from the Import and Export Library of the Food
10 Safety and Inspection Service, the Administrator of the
11 Food Safety and Inspection Service shall directly notify
12 each State department of agriculture, each lead State
13 agency for animal disease, and any entity that petitioned
14 for the inclusion of that language of such removal not later
15 than 3 days after such removal.

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