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H. R. 8288

To amend the Export Control Reform Act of 2018 to provide assistance
for compliance with that Act.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 15, 2026

Mr. AMO (for himself and Mr. SHREVE) introduced the following bill; which
was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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 “Strengthening Export
5 Controls Compliance Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

8 (1) The Export Control Reform Act of 2018
9 calls on the Secretary of Commerce “to establish a
10 system to provide United States persons with assist-

1 ance in complying with” United States export con-
2 trols as well as “keep the public appropriately ap-
3 prised of changes in policy, regulations, and proce-
4 dures” established under that Act.

5 (2) The Export Control Reform Act of 2018
6 also calls on the Secretary of Commerce to report
7 annually to Congress on “efforts to provide export-
8 ers with compliance assistance, including specific ac-
9 tions to assist small- and medium-sized businesses”.

10 (3) The Bureau of Industry and Security also
11 generally holds an annual update conference on ex-
12 port controls to increase the public’s and industry’s
13 understanding of United States export controls poli-
14 cies, as well as provide compliance guidance and reg-
15 ulatory updates.

16 **SEC. 3. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

17 It is the sense of Congress that—

18 (1) it is critical for the national security and
19 technological leadership of the United States that
20 the Bureau of Industry and Security of the Depart-
21 ment of Commerce consistently inform and educate
22 United States businesses on evolving export control
23 regulations and their implementation; and

24 (2) seminars and trainings offered by the Bu-
25 reau of Industry and Security can serve as a valu-

1 able resource for United States businesses, especially
2 small- and medium-sized enterprises, that do not
3 have large compliance departments.

4 **SEC. 4. COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE.**

5 Section 1757 of the Export Control Reform Act of
6 2018 (50 U.S.C. 4816) is amended by striking subsection
7 (c) and inserting the following:

8 “(c) ASSISTANCE FOR U.S. INDUSTRY.—

9 “(1) INDUSTRY OUTREACH PLAN.—Every two
10 years, the President shall develop and submit to
11 Congress a plan to assist United States persons, es-
12 pecially small- and medium-sized United States busi-
13 nesses, in export licensing and other processes under
14 this part. The plan should include the following:

15 “(A) Arrangements for the Department of
16 Commerce to provide counseling to United
17 States persons on filing applications and related
18 submissions, including identifying items con-
19 trolled under this part.

20 “(B) Proposals for virtual and in-person
21 trainings, seminars, and conferences to educate
22 United States businesses on export controls,
23 Bureau of Industry and Security licensing pro-
24 cedures, and related obligations.

1 “(C) Other activities to facilitate compli-
2 ance by United States businesses, including re-
3 view of company compliance plans, follow-up on
4 license conditions, and company specific con-
5 sultations on specific issues.

6 “(2) ANNUAL CONFERENCE.—The Secretary
7 shall host an annual conference, to be known as the
8 ‘Update Conference on Export Controls and Policy’,
9 to provide compliance assistance and policy updates
10 to industry and other stakeholders. The conference
11 should be listed on the Bureau of Industry and Se-
12 curity’s website and open to anyone from the general
13 public.

14 “(3) COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE FOR NEW
15 RULES.—Prior to the promulgation of major new
16 rules to carry out this part, the Bureau of Industry
17 and Security shall carry out dedicated public and in-
18 dustry outreach to share details with respect to the
19 intent and implementation of the rule, with the goal
20 of strengthening compliance.”.

21 **SEC. 5. AMENDMENTS TO THE ANNUAL REPORT.**

22 Section 1765(a) of the Export Control Reform Act
23 of 2018 (50 U.S.C. 4824(a)) is amended—

24 (1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by
25 striking “a review of”;

1 (2) in paragraph (4), insert “a detailed list of”
2 before “efforts”;

3 (3) in paragraph (8), strike “and” at the end;

4 (4) in paragraph (9), by striking the period at
5 the end and inserting “; and”; and

6 (5) by adding at the end the following:

7 “(10) information on the number of Advisory
8 Opinion and Commodity Classification requests, in-
9 cluding—

10 “(A) the number of requests submitted;

11 “(B) the number of Advisory Opinion or
12 Commodity Classifications issued as a result of
13 the requests submitted under subparagraph
14 (A);

15 “(C) the average processing times for each
16 category of request; and

17 “(D) the number of redacted Advisory
18 Opinions of general applicability posted.”.

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