

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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AN ACT

To amend the Arms Export Control Act to include Taiwan among the list of recipient countries with respect to which shorter certification and reporting periods apply and to expedite licensing for allies transferring military equipment to Taiwan, 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Providing Our Re-
3 gional Companions Upgraded Protection in Nefarious En-
4 vironments Act” or “PORCUPINE Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. MODIFICATION OF CERTIFICATION AND REPORT-**
6 **ING REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE ARMS EX-**
7 **PORT CONTROL ACT.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Arms Export Control Act (22
9 U.S.C. 2751 et seq.) is amended—

10 (1) in section 3 (22 U.S.C. 2753)—

11 (A) in subsection (b)(2), by inserting “Tai-
12 wan,” before “or the”; and

13 (B) in subsection (d)—

14 (i) in paragraph (2)(B), by striking
15 “or New Zealand” and inserting “New
16 Zealand, or Taiwan”;

17 (ii) in paragraph (3)(A)(i), by striking
18 “or New Zealand” and inserting “New
19 Zealand, or Taiwan”; and

20 (iii) in paragraph (5), by striking “or
21 New Zealand” and inserting “New Zea-
22 land, or Taiwan”;

23 (2) in section 21 (22 U.S.C. 2761)—

24 (A) in subsection (e)(2)(A), by striking “or
25 New Zealand” and inserting “New Zealand, or
26 Taiwan”; and

1 (B) in subsection (h)—

2 (i) in paragraph (1)(A), by striking
3 “or Israel” and inserting “Israel, or Tai-
4 wan”; and

5 (ii) in paragraph (2), by striking “or
6 Israel” and inserting “Israel, or Taiwan”;

7 (3) in section 36 (22 U.S.C. 2776)—

8 (A) in subsection (b)—

9 (i) in paragraph (1), in the undesig-
10 nated matter following subparagraph (P),
11 in the second sentence, by striking “or
12 New Zealand” and inserting “New Zea-
13 land, or Taiwan”;

14 (ii) in paragraph (2), by striking “or
15 New Zealand” and inserting “New Zea-
16 land, or Taiwan”; and

17 (iii) in paragraph (6), in the matter
18 preceding subparagraph (A), by striking
19 “or New Zealand” and inserting “New
20 Zealand, or Taiwan”;

21 (B) in subsection (c)—

22 (i) in paragraph (2)(A), by striking
23 “or New Zealand” and inserting “New
24 Zealand, or Taiwan”; and

1 (ii) in paragraph (5), by striking “or
 2 New Zealand” and inserting “New Zea-
 3 land, or Taiwan”; and

4 (C) in subsection (d)(2)(A), by striking “or
 5 New Zealand” and inserting “New Zealand, or
 6 Taiwan”;

7 (4) in section 62(c)(1) (22 U.S.C. 2796a(c)(1)),
 8 by striking “or New Zealand” and inserting “New
 9 Zealand, or Taiwan”; and

10 (5) in section 63(a)(2) (22 U.S.C.
 11 2796b(a)(2)), in the matter preceding subparagraph
 12 (A), by striking “or New Zealand” and inserting
 13 “New Zealand, or Taiwan”.

14 (b) REPORT.—Not later than two years after the date
 15 of the enactment of this section, and every two years
 16 thereafter, the Secretary of State shall submit to the Com-
 17 mittee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and the Com-
 18 mittee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives
 19 a report on the implementation and effectiveness of the
 20 amendments made by this section.

21 **SEC. 3. FEASIBILITY ASSESSMENT OF EXPEDITED LICENS-**
 22 **ING FOR ALLIES TRANSFERRING MILITARY**
 23 **EQUIPMENT TO TAIWAN.**

24 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the
 25 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State

1 shall conduct an assessment of the feasibility of estab-
2 lishing an expedited decision-making process for third
3 party transfers of defense articles and services from North
4 Atlantic Treaty Organization member countries, Japan,
5 Australia, the Republic of Korea, New Zealand, or Israel
6 to Taiwan, including transfers and re-transfers of United
7 States-origin grant, Foreign Military Sales, and Direct
8 Commercial Sales end-items not covered by an exemption
9 under the International Traffic in Arms Regulations
10 under subchapter M of chapter I of title 22, Code of Fed-
11 eral Regulations.

12 (b) ELEMENTS.—The assessment required by sub-
13 section (a) shall include an assessment of the following:

14 (1) The availability of such an expedited deci-
15 sion-making process for classified and unclassified
16 items.

17 (2) The feasibility of requiring—

18 (A) the approval, return, or denial of any
19 licensing application to export defense articles
20 and services that is related to a government-to-
21 government agreement within 15 days after the
22 submission of such application; and

23 (B) the completion of the review of all
24 other licensing requests not later than 30 days
25 after the submission of such application.

1 (c) BRIEFING.—Not later than 180 days after the
2 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State
3 shall provide the Committee on Foreign Relations of the
4 Senate and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the
5 House of Representatives with a briefing on the outcome
6 of the assessment required by subsection (a).

7 **SEC. 4. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**

8 Nothing in this Act may be construed to alter the
9 policy of the United States toward Taiwan as specified in
10 the Taiwan Relations Act (22 U.S.C. 3301 et seq.).

11 **SEC. 5. SUNSET.**

12 This Act shall cease to have effect on the date that
13 is 7 years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

Passed the Senate December 11, 2025.

Attest:

Secretary.

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