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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.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. RICKETTS (for himself and Mr. COONS) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

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 “Providing Our Re-
5 gional Companions Upgraded Protection in Nefarious En-
6 vironments Act” or “PORCUPINE Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. MODIFICATION OF CERTIFICATION AND REPORT-**
2 **ING REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE ARMS EX-**
3 **PORT CONTROL ACT.**

4 The Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2751 et
5 seq.) is amended—

6 (1) in section 3 (22 U.S.C. 2753)—

7 (A) in subsection (b)(2), by inserting “the
8 Government of Taiwan,” before “or the”; and

9 (B) in subsection (d)—

10 (i) in paragraph (2)(B), by striking
11 “or New Zealand” and inserting “New
12 Zealand, or Taiwan”;

13 (ii) in paragraph (3)(A)(i), by striking
14 “or New Zealand” and inserting “New
15 Zealand, or Taiwan”; and

16 (iii) in paragraph (5), by striking “or
17 New Zealand” and inserting “New Zea-
18 land, or Taiwan”;

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

20 (A) in subsection (e)(2)(A), by striking “or
21 New Zealand” and inserting “New Zealand, or
22 Taiwan”; and

23 (B) in subsection (h)—

24 (i) in paragraph (1)(A), by striking
25 “or Israel” and inserting “Israel, or Tai-
26 wan”; and

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

3 (3) in section 36 (22 U.S.C. 2776)—

4 (A) in subsection (b)—

5 (i) in paragraph (1), in the undesig-
6 nated matter following subparagraph (P),
7 in the second sentence, by striking “or
8 New Zealand” and inserting “New Zea-
9 land, or Taiwan”;

10 (ii) in paragraph (2), by striking “or
11 New Zealand” and inserting “New Zea-
12 land, or Taiwan”; and

13 (iii) in paragraph (6), in the matter
14 preceding subparagraph (A), by striking
15 “or New Zealand” and inserting “New
16 Zealand, or Taiwan”;

17 (B) in subsection (c)—

18 (i) in paragraph (2)(A), by striking
19 “or New Zealand” and inserting “New
20 Zealand, or Taiwan”; and

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

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

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

7 (5) in section 63(a)(2) (22 U.S.C.
 8 2796b(a)(2)), in the matter preceding subparagraph
 9 (A), by striking “or New Zealand” and inserting
 10 “New Zealand, or Taiwan”.

11 **SEC. 3. EXPEDITED LICENSING FOR ALLIES TRANSFER-**
 12 **RING MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO TAIWAN.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the
 14 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State
 15 shall establish an expedited decision-making process for
 16 blanket third party transfers of defense articles and serv-
 17 ices from North Atlantic Treaty Organization member
 18 countries, Japan, Australia, the Republic of Korea, Israel,
 19 or New Zealand to Taiwan, including transfers and re-
 20 transfers of United States origin grant, Foreign Military
 21 Sales, and Direct Commercial Sales end-items not covered
 22 by an exemption under the International Traffic in Arms
 23 Regulations under subchapter M of chapter I of title 22,
 24 Code of Federal Regulations.

1 (b) AVAILABILITY.—The expedited decision-making
2 process described in subsection (a)—

3 (1) shall be available for classified and unclassi-
4 fied items; and

5 (2) shall, to the extent practicable—

6 (A) require the approval, return, or denial
7 of any licensing application to export defense
8 articles and services that is related to a govern-
9 ment-to-government agreement within 15 days
10 after the submission of such application; and

11 (B) require the completion of the review of
12 all other licensing requests not later than 30
13 days after the submission of such application.

14 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date
15 on which the expedited decision-making process under
16 subsection (a) is established, the Secretary of State shall
17 submit to the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Sen-
18 ate and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House
19 of Representatives a report on the implementation and ef-
20 fectiveness of such process, including an assessment of the
21 actions taken to coordinate with North Atlantic Treaty
22 Organization member countries, Japan, Australia, the Re-
23 public of Korea, Israel, and New Zealand to ensure align-

- 1 ment with the respective export control regulations of such
- 2 countries.

