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H. R. 2408

To require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to prescribe a rule that prohibits the importation for disposal of polychlorinated biphenyls at concentrations of 50 parts per million or greater.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 30, 1999

Ms. RIVERS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce

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. PROHIBITION ON IMPORTATION OF POLY-**
4 **CHLORINATED BIPHENYLS FOR DISPOSAL.**

5 Section 6(e) of the Toxic Substances Control Act (15
6 U.S.C. 2605(e)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
7 lowing new paragraph:

1 “(6)(A) The Administrator shall promulgate rules to
2 prohibit the importation into the United States for dis-
3 posal of polychlorinated biphenyls, or polychlorinated
4 biphenyl items, at concentrations of 50 parts per million
5 or greater.

6 “(B)(i) The Administrator may use the authority
7 under paragraph (3)(B) to accept and consider petitions
8 to exempt from the prohibition prescribed under subpara-
9 graph (A) of this paragraph specific transboundary ship-
10 ments into the United States for disposal of poly-
11 chlorinated biphenyls, or polychlorinated biphenyl items,
12 at concentrations of 50 parts per million or greater.

13 “(ii) In any case in which the Administrator grants
14 an exemption pursuant to such a petition, the Adminis-
15 trator shall submit to Congress a report containing notice
16 of the exemption and the reasons for the exemption. The
17 exemption may not take effect until the expiration of the
18 60-day period beginning on the date the report is received
19 by Congress.”.

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