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To ensure that the volume of steel imports does not exceed the average monthly volume of such imports during the 36-month period preceding July 1997.

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A BILL

To ensure that the volume of steel imports does not exceed the average monthly volume of such imports during the 36-month period preceding July 1997.

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. REDUCTION IN VOLUME OF STEEL IMPORTS.**

4 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, within
5 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
6 President shall take the necessary steps, by imposing
7 quotas, tariff surcharges, negotiated enforceable voluntary
8 export restraint agreements, or otherwise, to ensure that
9 the volume of steel products imported into the United
10 States during any month does not exceed the average vol-
11 ume of steel products that was imported monthly into the
12 United States during the 36-month period preceding July
13 1997.

14 **SEC. 2. ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY.**

15 Within 60 days after the date of the enactment of
16 this Act, the Secretary of the Treasury, through the
17 United States Customs Service, and the Secretary of Com-
18 merce shall implement a program for administering and
19 enforcing the restraints on imports under section 1. The
20 Customs Service is authorized to refuse entry into the cus-
21 toms territory of the United States of any steel products

1 that exceed the allowable levels of imports of such prod-
2 ucts.

3 **SEC. 3. APPLICABILITY.**

4 (a) CATEGORIES.—This Act shall apply to the follow-
5 ing categories of steel products: semifinished, plates,
6 sheets and strips, wire rods, wire and wire products, rail
7 type products, bars, structural shapes and units, pipes and
8 tubes, iron ore, and coke products.

9 (b) VOLUME.—Volume of steel products for purposes
10 of this Act shall be determined on the basis of tonnage
11 of such products.

12 **SEC. 4. EXPIRATION.**

13 This Act shall expire at the end of the 3-year period
14 beginning 60 days after the date of the enactment of this
15 Act.

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