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To exempt agricultural products, medicines and medical products from U.S.
economic sanctions.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. HAGEL (for himself, Mr. DODD, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. GRAMS, Mr. HARKIN,
Mr. LUGAR, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. WARNER) introduced the following
bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Re-
lations

A BILL

To exempt agricultural products, medicines and medical
products from U.S. economic sanctions.

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 “Food and Medicine
5 Sanctions Relief Act of 1999”.

6 **SEC. 2. PURPOSE.**

7 It is the purpose of this Act to exempt agricultural
8 products, medicines and medical equipment from U.S. eco-
9 nomic sanctions.

1 **SEC. 3. FINDINGS.**

2 (a) Prohibiting or otherwise restricting the donations
3 or sales of food, other agricultural products, medicines or
4 medical equipment in order to sanction a foreign govern-
5 ment for actions or policies that the United States finds
6 objectionable unnecessarily harms innocent populations in
7 the targeted country and rarely causes the sanctioned gov-
8 ernment to alter its actions or policies.

9 (b) For the United States as a matter of U.S. policy
10 to deny access to United States food, other agricultural
11 products, medicines, and medical equipment by innocent
12 men, women and children in other countries weakens the
13 international leadership and moral authority of the United
14 States.

15 (c) Sanctions on the sale or donations of American
16 food, other agricultural products, medicine or medical
17 equipment needlessly harm American farmers and workers
18 employed in these sectors by foreclosing markets for these
19 United States products.

20 **SEC. 4. EXCLUSION FROM SANCTIONS.**

21 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the
22 President shall not restrict or otherwise prohibit any ex-
23 ports (including financing) of food, other agricultural
24 products (including fertilizer), medicines or medical equip-
25 ment as part of any policy of existing or future unilateral
26 economic sanctions imposed against a foreign government.

1 (b) EXCEPTIONS.—Section 4(a) of this Act shall not
2 apply to any regulations or restrictions of such products
3 for health or safety purposes or during periods of domestic
4 shortages of such products.

5 **SEC. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

6 (a) The provisions of this Act shall become effective
7 upon the enactment of this Act.

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