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To require the collection of up-to-date information on tariff and non-tariff laws, regulations, and practices of foreign countries affecting exports of United States goods and services, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TIPTON (for himself, Mr. GRAVES of Missouri, Mr. MULVANEY, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. HANNA, Mr. COLLINS of New York, Mr. COFFMAN, Mr. HINOJOSA, and Ms. CHU) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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 “Transparent Rules
5 Allow Direct Exporting for Small Businesses and Jobs
6 Act” or “TRADE for Small Businesses and Jobs Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FOREIGN TARIFF AND NON-TARIFF LAWS, REGULA-**
2 **TIONS, AND PRACTICES AFFECTING EXPORTS**
3 **OF UNITED STATES GOODS AND SERVICES.**

4 (a) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this section is to as-
5 sist exporters of United States goods and services to ac-
6 cess new markets in foreign countries.

7 (b) COLLECTION OF INFORMATION.—The Secretary
8 of Commerce shall, in consultation with the United States
9 Trade Representative and the Secretary of State, collect
10 information on changes in tariff and non-tariff laws, regu-
11 lations, and practices of foreign countries affecting exports
12 of United States goods and services other than United
13 States agricultural commodities.

14 (c) AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
16 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
17 retary of Commerce shall make available the infor-
18 mation collected under subsection (b) to United
19 States exporters on the Web site Export.gov or a
20 successor Web site.

21 (2) FORMAT.—The information collected under
22 subsection (b) shall be presented in a clear and easy-
23 to-understand format to allow United States export-
24 ers to better understand and comply with tariff and
25 non-tariff laws, regulations, and practices of foreign
26 countries described in subsection (b).

1 (3) UPDATE.—The Secretary of Commerce
2 shall update the information collected under sub-
3 section (b) on the Web site Export.gov or a suc-
4 cessor Web site not less than once every 60 days
5 after the date on which the Secretary of Commerce
6 makes available the information collected under sub-
7 section (b).

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