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H. R. 3004

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 2, 2013

Mr. BERA of California introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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 “Reducing Waste and
5 Increasing Efficiency in Trade Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. INTERNATIONAL TRADE DATA SYSTEM.**

2 (a) INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUC-
3 TURE.—Section 411(d) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19
4 U.S.C. 1411(d)) is amended—

5 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (4) through
6 (7) as paragraphs (5) through (8), respectively; and
7 (2) by inserting after paragraph (3) the fol-
8 lowing:

9 “(4) INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUC-
10 TURE.—

11 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall
12 work with the head of each agency participating
13 in the ITDS and the Interagency Steering
14 Committee to ensure that each such agency—

15 “(i) develops and maintains the nec-
16 essary information technology infrastruc-
17 ture to support the operation of the ITDS
18 and to submit all data to the ITDS elec-
19 tronically;

20 “(ii) enters into a memorandum of
21 understanding, or takes such other action
22 as is necessary, to provide for the informa-
23 tion sharing between the agency and the
24 U.S. Customs and Border Protection
25 Agency necessary for the operation and
26 maintenance of the ITDS; and

1 “(iii) not later than June 30, 2014,
2 identifies and transmits to the Commis-
3 sioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protec-
4 tion the admissibility criteria and data ele-
5 ments required by the agency to authorize
6 the release of cargo by the U.S. Customs
7 and Border Protection Agency for incorpo-
8 ration into the operational functionality of
9 the Automated Commercial Environment
10 computer system.

11 “(B) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing
12 in this paragraph shall be construed to require
13 any action to be taken that would compromise
14 an ongoing law enforcement investigation or na-
15 tional security.”.

16 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
17 13031(f)(5) of the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Rec-
18 onciliation Act of 1985 (19 U.S.C. 58c(f)(5)) is amended
19 by striking subparagraph (C) and inserting the following:

20 “(C) There are authorized to be appropriated to the
21 Secretary of the Treasury from amounts available in the
22 Account \$25,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2014
23 through 2018, to remain available until expended, to carry
24 out the provisions of section 411(d)(4) of the Tariff Act
25 of 1930.”.

1 (c) GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE RE-
2 PORT.—Not later than June 30, 2015, the Comptroller
3 General of the United States shall submit to the Com-
4 mittee on Appropriations and the Committee on Finance
5 of the Senate and the Committee on Appropriations and
6 the Committee on Ways and Means of the House of Rep-
7 resentatives a report—

8 (1) evaluating the development and mainte-
9 nance of the information technology infrastructure
10 necessary to support the operations of the Inter-
11 national Trade Data System; and

12 (2) assessing the number of memoranda of un-
13 derstanding and other actions taken by the U.S.
14 Customs and Border Protection Agency and other
15 Federal agencies to ensure the sharing of electronic
16 import and export data.

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