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H. R. 3627

To amend the Trade Act of 1974 to exclude from eligibility for the generalized system of preferences any country that fails to effectively enforce its environmental laws or meet its international environmental obligations, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 28, 2015

Mr. DOGGETT (for himself, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. LEWIS, Mr. NEAL, Mr. BECERRA, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. KIND, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California, and Ms. BASS) 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 “Earth Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. COMPLIANCE WITH ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS AND**
2 **REGULATIONS.**

3 Section 502(b)(2) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19
4 U.S.C. 2462(b)(2)) is amended—

5 (1) by inserting after subparagraph (H) the fol-
6 lowing new subparagraph:

7 “(I) Such country fails to effectively en-
8 force its environmental laws, regulations, or
9 other measures, or to fulfill its international en-
10 vironmental obligations, including as such obli-
11 gations relate to public health.”; and

12 (2) in the matter following subparagraph (I)
13 (as added by paragraph (1))—

14 (A) by striking “and (H)” and inserting
15 “(H)”; and

16 (B) by striking “shall not prevent” and in-
17 serting “, and (I) shall not prevent”.

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