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S. 503

To amend the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act to extend trade preferences for certain articles imported from Haiti and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. NELSON introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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 “Haitian Partnership
5 Renewal Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF TRADE PREFERENCES FOR HAITI.**

7 (a) SPECIAL RULES FOR HAITI.—

8 (1) APPAREL AND OTHER TEXTILE ARTI-
9 CLES.—Section 213A(b) of the Caribbean Basin

1 Economic Recovery Act (19 U.S.C. 2703a(b)) is
2 amended—

3 (A) in paragraph (1)—

4 (i) in subparagraph (B)(v)(I)(cc), by
5 striking “2017.” and inserting “2017, and
6 in each succeeding 1-year period there-
7 after.”; and

8 (ii) in subparagraph (C)—

9 (I) by striking “11”; and

10 (II) by striking “December 19,
11 2018.” and inserting “December 19,
12 2030.”; and

13 (B) in paragraph (2)—

14 (i) in subparagraph (A)(ii), by strik-
15 ing “11 succeeding 1-year periods,” and
16 inserting “succeeding 1-year periods
17 through September 30, 2030,”; and

18 (ii) in subparagraph (B)(iii), by strik-
19 ing “11 succeeding 1-year periods,” and
20 inserting “succeeding 1-year periods
21 through September 30, 2030,”.

22 (2) EXTENSION OF SPECIAL RULES.—Section
23 213A(h) of the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery
24 Act (19 U.S.C. 2703a(h)) is amended—

1 (A) by striking “Except as provided in
 2 subsection (b)(1), the” and inserting “The”;
 3 and

4 (B) by striking “September 30, 2020.”
 5 and inserting “September 30, 2030.”.

6 (b) IMPORT-SENSITIVE ARTICLES.—

7 (1) TRANSITION PERIOD TREATMENT OF CER-
 8 TAIN TEXTILE AND APPAREL ARTICLES.—Section
 9 213(b)(2)(A)(iii) of the Caribbean Basin Economic
 10 Recovery Act (19 U.S.C. 2703(b)(2)(A)(iii)) is
 11 amended—

12 (A) in subclause (II)(cc), by striking “Sep-
 13 tember 30, 2020.” and inserting “September
 14 30, 2030.”; and

15 (B) in subclause (IV)(dd), by striking
 16 “September 30, 2020.” and inserting “Sep-
 17 tember 30, 2030.”.

18 (2) TRANSITION PERIOD TREATMENT OF CER-
 19 TAIN OTHER APPAREL ARTICLES.—Section
 20 213(b)(2)(A)(iv)(II) of the Caribbean Basin Eco-
 21 nomic Recovery Act (19 U.S.C.
 22 2703(b)(2)(A)(iv)(II)) is amended by striking “18”.

23 (3) EXTENSION OF TRANSITION PERIOD.—Sec-
 24 tion 213(b)(5)(D)(i) of the Caribbean Basin Eco-
 25 nomic Recovery Act (19 U.S.C. 2703(b)(5)(D)(i)) is

1 amended by striking “September 30, 2020;” and in-
 2 serting “September 30, 2030;”.

3 **SEC. 3. DUTY-FREE TREATMENT OF FOOTWEAR.**

4 Section 213A(b)(3) of the Caribbean Basin Economic
 5 Recovery Act (19 U.S.C. 2703a(b)(3)) is amended by add-
 6 ing at the end the following:

7 “(H) FOOTWEAR.—

8 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Any article, other
 9 than an article described in clause (ii), that
 10 undergoes a change in Haiti to being clas-
 11 sifiable under heading 6401, 6402, 6403,
 12 6404, or 6405 of the HTS from being clas-
 13 sifiable under any other heading of the
 14 HTS and is imported directly from Haiti
 15 or the Dominican Republic shall enter the
 16 United States free of duty, without regard
 17 to the source of the components from
 18 which the article is made.

19 “(ii) ARTICLES DESCRIBED.—Articles
 20 described in this clause are articles classifi-
 21 able under subheading 6401.10.00,
 22 6401.92.90, 6401.99.10, 6401.99.30,
 23 6401.99.60, 6401.99.90, 6402.91.10,
 24 6402.91.20, 6402.91.26, 6402.91.50,
 25 6402.91.80, 6402.91.90, 6402.99.08,

1 6402.99.16, 6402.99.19, 6402.99.33,
 2 6402.99.80, 6402.99.90, 6403.91.60,
 3 6403.91.90, 6403.99.60, 6403.99.90,
 4 6404.11.90, or 6404.19.20 of the HTS.”.

5 **SEC. 4. SPECIAL RULES FOR CERTAIN GOODS.**

6 Section 213A(c) of the Caribbean Basin Economic
 7 Recovery Act (19 U.S.C. 2703a(c)) is amended to read
 8 as follows:

9 “(c) SPECIAL RULES FOR CERTAIN GOODS.—

10 “(1) WIRE HARNESS AUTOMOTIVE COMPO-
 11 NENTS.—

12 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Any wire harness
 13 automotive component that is the product or
 14 manufacture of Haiti and is imported directly
 15 from Haiti into the customs territory of the
 16 United States shall enter the United States free
 17 of duty until September 30, 2030, if Haiti has
 18 met the requirements of subsection (d) and if
 19 the sum of—

20 “(i) the cost or value of the materials
 21 produced in Haiti or one or more countries
 22 described in subsection (b)(2)(C), or any
 23 combination thereof, plus

24 “(ii) the direct costs of processing op-
 25 erations (as defined in section 213(a)(3))

1 performed in Haiti or the United States,
2 or both,
3 is not less than 35 percent of the declared cus-
4 toms value of such wire harness automotive
5 component.

6 “(B) WIRE HARNESS AUTOMOTIVE COMPO-
7 NENT DEFINED.—For purposes of this sub-
8 section, the term ‘wire harness automotive com-
9 ponent’ means any article provided for in sub-
10 heading 8544.30.00 of the HTS, as in effect on
11 December 20, 2006.

12 “(2) TRAVEL GOODS.—Any article classifiable
13 under subheading 4202.11, 4202.19, 4202.21,
14 4202.29, 4202.31, 4202.39, 4202.91, or 4202.99 of
15 the HTS that undergoes a change in Haiti to being
16 classifiable under that subheading from being classi-
17 fiable under a chapter of the HTS other than chap-
18 ter 42 and is imported directly from Haiti or the
19 Dominican Republic shall enter the United States
20 free of duty, without regard to the source of the
21 components from which the article is made.

22 “(3) LEATHER WEARING APPAREL.—Any arti-
23 cle classifiable under subheading 4203.10.40,
24 4203.29.08, or 4203.29.18 of the HTS that under-
25 goes a change in Haiti to being classifiable under

1 that subheading from being classifiable under a
 2 chapter of the HTS other than chapter 42 and is
 3 imported directly from Haiti or the Dominican Re-
 4 public shall enter the United States free of duty,
 5 without regard to the source of the components from
 6 which the article is made.

7 “(4) LAMPS, LIGHTING, AND OTHER ELEC-
 8 TRICAL COMPONENTS.—Any article classifiable
 9 under subheading 8536.30, 8539.10, 8539.49,
 10 9032.10, 9405.10, 9405.20, 9405.30, 9405.40,
 11 9405.50, 9405.60, 9405.91, 9405.92, or 9405.99 of
 12 the HTS that undergoes a change in Haiti to being
 13 classifiable under that subheading from being classi-
 14 fiable under any other chapter of the HTS and is
 15 imported directly from Haiti or the Dominican Re-
 16 public shall enter the United States free of duty.”.

17 **SEC. 5. CONTINUING COMPLIANCE.**

18 Section 213A(d)(3) of the Caribbean Basin Economic
 19 Recovery Act (19 U.S.C. 2703a(d)(3)) is amended by
 20 striking “terminate” and inserting “terminate, in whole
 21 or in part,”.

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