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To prohibit the importation into the United States of paper products that are not manufactured in accordance with requirements that are at least as stringent as the requirements under the Clean Air Act and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 25, 2018

Mr. DEFazio 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. PROHIBITION ON IMPORTATION OF PAPER**
2 **PRODUCTS NOT MANUFACTURED IN ACCORD-**
3 **ANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS AT LEAST AS**
4 **STRINGENT AS REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE**
5 **CLEAN AIR ACT AND FEDERAL WATER POL-**
6 **LUTION CONTROL ACT.**

7 (a) PROHIBITION.—It is unlawful for any person to
8 import or deliver for importation into the United States
9 any paper product if—

10 (1) the paper product’s labeling does not in-
11 clude an official certification from each manufac-
12 turer of the paper product certifying that said paper
13 product was manufactured in accordance with—

14 (A) requirements relating to air pollution
15 that are at least as stringent as the require-
16 ments under the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401
17 et seq.); and

18 (B) requirements relating to water pollu-
19 tion that are at least as stringent as the re-
20 quirements under the Federal Water Pollution
21 Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.); or

22 (2) the Administrator of the Environmental
23 Protection Agency finds that the paper product was
24 not manufactured in accordance with requirements
25 at least as stringent as the requirements described
26 in subparagraph (A) and (B) of paragraph (1).

1 (b) PENALTIES AND ENFORCEMENT.—Any person
2 who violates any provision of this section or any regulation
3 issued under this section may, in addition to any other
4 civil or criminal penalty that may be imposed under title
5 18, United States Code, or any other provision of law, be
6 assessed a civil penalty of not more than \$10,000,000 per
7 transgression. The Secretary of Homeland Security and
8 the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agen-
9 cy shall enforce the provisions of this section.

10 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

11 (1) the term “paper product” means an article
12 classified under any heading or subheading of chap-
13 ter 47 or 48 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of
14 the United States; and

15 (2) the term “United States” means the cus-
16 toms territory of the United States, as defined in
17 general note 2 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of
18 the United States.

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