

“(ii) complementary actions taken by governments during an existing or impending international oil supply disruption.”; and

(G) by amending subsection (l) to read as follows:

“(l) The antitrust defense under subsection (f) shall not extend to the international allocation of petroleum products unless allocation is required by chapters III and IV of the international energy program during an international energy supply emergency.”;

(5) in section 281 (42 U.S.C. 6285) by striking “1997” both places it appears and inserting in lieu thereof “1999”; and

(6) at the end of section 154 by adding the following new subsection:

“(f)(1) The drawdown and distribution of petroleum products from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve is authorized only under section 161 of this Act, and drawdown and distribution of petroleum products for purposes other than those described in section 161 of this Act shall be prohibited.

“(2) In the Secretary’s annual budget submission, the Secretary shall request funds for acquisition, transportation, and injection of petroleum products for storage in the Reserve. If no requests for funds are made, the Secretary shall provide a written explanation of the reason therefore.”.

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