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PROHIBITING RUSSIAN URANIUM
IMPORTS ACT

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An Act

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To prohibit the importation into the United States of unirradiated low-enriched uranium that is produced in the Russian Federation, and for other purposes.

Prohibiting
Russian
Uranium
Imports Act.
42 USC 2011
note.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Prohibiting Russian Uranium Imports Act”.

SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON IMPORTS OF LOW-ENRICHED URANIUM FROM THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION.

(a) PROHIBITION ON IMPORTS.—Section 3112A of the USEC Privatization Act (42 U.S.C. 2297h–10a) is amended by adding at the end the following:

Effective date.
Time period.

“(d) PROHIBITION ON IMPORTS OF LOW-ENRICHED URANIUM.—
“(1) PROHIBITION.—Beginning on the date that is 90 days after the date of the enactment of this subsection, and subject to paragraphs (2) and (3), the following may not be imported into the United States:

“(A) Unirradiated low-enriched uranium that is produced in the Russian Federation or by a Russian entity.

“(B) Unirradiated low-enriched uranium that is determined to have been exchanged with, swapped for, or otherwise obtained in lieu of unirradiated low-enriched uranium described in subparagraph (A) in a manner designed to circumvent the restrictions under this section.

Determination.

“(2) WAIVER.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subparagraphs (B) and (C), the Secretary of Energy, in consultation with the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Commerce, may waive the application of paragraph (1) to authorize the importation of low-enriched uranium described in that paragraph if the Secretary of Energy determines that—

“(i) no alternative viable source of low-enriched uranium is available to sustain the continued operation of a nuclear reactor or a United States nuclear energy company; or

“(ii) importation of low-enriched uranium described in paragraph (1) is in the national interest.

“(B) LIMITATION ON AMOUNTS OF IMPORTS OF LOW-ENRICHED URANIUM.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—The importation into the United States of low-enriched uranium described in paragraph (1), including low-enriched uranium obtained under

contracts for separative work units, whether or not such low-enriched uranium is derived from highly enriched uranium of weapons origin, may not exceed—

“(I) in calendar year 2024, 476,536 kilograms;

“(II) in calendar year 2025, 470,376 kilograms;

“(III) in calendar year 2026, 464,183 kilograms; and

“(IV) in calendar year 2027, 459,083 kilograms.

“(ii) ADMINISTRATION.—The Secretary of Commerce shall—

“(I) administer the import limitations described in clause (i) in accordance with the provisions of the Suspension Agreement, including the provisions described in subsection (c)(2)(B)(i);

“(II) be responsible for enforcing the import limitations described in clause (i); and

“(III) enforce the import limitations described in clause (i) in a manner that imposes a minimal burden on the commercial nuclear industry.

Enforcement.

“(C) TERMINATION.—Any waiver issued under subparagraph (A) shall terminate not later than January 1, 2028.

“(D) NOTIFICATION TO CONGRESS.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—Upon issuing a waiver under subparagraph (A), the Secretary of Energy shall submit to the committees specified in clause (ii) a notification that a waiver has been issued, which shall include identification of the recipient of the waiver.

“(ii) COMMITTEES SPECIFIED.—The committees specified in this clause are—

“(I) the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources and the Committee on Finance of the Senate; and

“(II) the Committee on Energy and Commerce and the Committee on Ways and Means of the House of Representatives.

“(3) APPLICABILITY.—This subsection does not apply to imports—

“(A) by or under contract to the Department of Energy for national security or nonproliferation purposes; or

“(B) of non-uranium isotopes.

“(4) TERMINATION.—The provisions of this subsection shall terminate on December 31, 2040.

“(5) RUSSIAN ENTITY DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term ‘Russian entity’ means an entity organized under the laws of or otherwise subject to the jurisdiction of the Government of the Russian Federation.”.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 3112A(c) of the USEC Privatization Act (42 U.S.C. 2297h–10a(c)) is amended—

(A) in paragraph (2)—

(i) in subparagraph (A)—

(I) in clause (ix), by inserting “and” after the semicolon at the end;

(II) in clause (x), by striking the semicolon and inserting a period; and

(III) by striking clauses (xi) through (xxvii);
 and
 (ii) in subparagraph (C)(i), by striking “paragraph (10)” and inserting “paragraph (9)”;
 (B) in paragraph (3), by striking “United States” and all that follows through “for processing” and inserting “United States for processing”;
 (C) by striking paragraph (5);
 (D) by redesignating paragraphs (6) through (12) as paragraphs (5) through (11), respectively;
 (E) in paragraph (5), as redesignated by subparagraph (D), by striking “In addition to the adjustment under paragraph (5)(A), the” and inserting “The”;
 (F) in subparagraph (A) of paragraph (7), as so redesignated, by striking “paragraph (10)” and inserting “paragraph (9)”;
 (G) in paragraph (8), as so redesignated, by striking “December 31, 2040” and inserting “the date described in subsection (d)(1)”;
 (H) in subparagraph (A) of paragraph (9), as so redesignated, by striking “paragraphs (2)(C) and (8)” and inserting “paragraphs (2)(C) and (7)”.

(2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment to section 3112A(c)(2)(A)(xi) of the USEC Privatization Act (42 U.S.C. 2297h–10a(c)(2)(A)(xi)) made by paragraph (1)(A) of this subsection shall take effect on the date that is 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

Time period.
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 2297h–10a note.

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