

(B) if the President determines in writing and so reports to Congress that the person or other entity to which the Presidential action would otherwise be applied is a sole source supplier of the defense articles or services, that the defense articles or services are essential, and that alternative sources are not readily or reasonably available; or

(C) if the President determines in writing and so reports to Congress that such articles or services are essential to the national security under defense coproduction agreements; or

(2) to products or services provided under contracts entered into before the date on which the President publishes his intention to take the Presidential action.

(Pub. L. 105–292, title IV, § 406, Oct. 27, 1998, 112 Stat. 2808.)

#### § 6447. Presidential waiver

##### (a) In general

Subject to subsection (c), the President may waive, for a single, 180-day period, the application of any of the actions described in paragraphs (9) through (15) of section 6445(a) of this title (or commensurate action in substitution thereto) with respect to a country, if the President determines and so reports to the appropriate congressional committees that—

- (1) the exercise of such waiver authority would further the purposes of this chapter; or
- (2) the important national interest of the United States requires the exercise of such waiver authority.

##### (b) Additional authority

Subject to subsection (c), the President may waive, for any additional specified period of time after the 180-day period described in subsection (a), the application of any of the actions described in paragraphs (9) through (15) of section 6445(a) of this title (or a commensurate substitute action) with respect to a country, if the President determines and reports to the appropriate congressional committees that—

- (1) the respective foreign government has ceased the violations giving rise to the Presidential action; or
- (2) the important national interest of the United States requires the exercise of such waiver authority.

##### (c) Congressional notification

Not later than the date of the exercise of a waiver under subsection (a) or (b), the President shall notify the appropriate congressional committees of the waiver or the intention to exercise the waiver, together with a detailed justification thereof.

##### (d) Sense of Congress

It is the sense of Congress that—

- (1) ongoing and persistent waivers of the application of any of the actions described in paragraphs (9) through (15) of section 6445(a) of this title (or commensurate substitute action) with respect to a country do not fulfill the purposes of this chapter; and
- (2) because the promotion of religious freedom is an important interest of United States

foreign policy, the President, the Secretary of State, and other executive branch officials, in consultation with Congress, should seek to find ways to address existing violations, on a case-by-case basis, through the actions described in section 6445 of this title or other commensurate substitute action.

(Pub. L. 105–292, title IV, § 407, Oct. 27, 1998, 112 Stat. 2808; Pub. L. 114–281, title III, § 304, Dec. 16, 2016, 130 Stat. 1435.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in subsecs. (a)(1) and (d)(1), was in the original “this Act”, meaning Pub. L. 105–292, Oct. 27, 1998, 112 Stat. 2787, known as the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998, which is classified principally to this chapter. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 6401 of this title and Tables.

##### AMENDMENTS

2016—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 114–281, § 304(1)(A), (B), in introductory provisions, substituted “subsection (c)” for “subsection (b)” and inserted “, for a single, 180-day period,” after “may waive”.

Subsec. (a)(1) to (3). Pub. L. 114–281, § 304(1)(C), (D), redesignated pars. (2) and (3) as (1) and (2), respectively, and struck out former par. (1) which read as follows: “the respective foreign government has ceased the violations giving rise to the Presidential action;”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 114–281, § 304(3), added subsec. (b). Former subsec. (b) redesignated (c).

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 114–281, § 304(2), (4), redesignated subsec. (b) as (c) and inserted “or (b)” after “subsection (a)”.

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 114–281, § 304(5), added subsec. (d).

#### § 6448. Publication in Federal Register

##### (a) In general

Subject to subsection (b), the President shall cause to be published in the Federal Register the following:

##### (1) Determinations of governments, officials, and entities of particular concern

Any designation of a country of particular concern for religious freedom under section 6442(b)(1) of this title, together with, when applicable and to the extent practicable, the identities of the officials or entities determined to be responsible for the violations under section 6442(b)(2) of this title. Any designation of a non-state actor as an entity of particular concern for religious freedom under section 6442a of this title and, if applicable and to the extent practicable, the identities of individuals determined to be responsible for violations described in subsection (f) of such section.

##### (2) Presidential actions

A description of any Presidential action under paragraphs (9) through (15) of section 6445(a) of this title (or commensurate action in substitution thereto) and the effective date of the Presidential action.

##### (3) Delays in transmittal of Presidential action reports

Any delay in transmittal of a Presidential action report, as described in section 6444(b) of this title.