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H. R. 5513

To require the collection of up-to-date information on tariff and non-tariff laws, regulations, and practices of foreign countries affecting exports of United States goods and services, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 7, 2012

Mr. TIPTON (for himself, Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado, Mr. GRAVES of Missouri, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. MANZULLO, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. HINOJOSA, and Mr. MULVANEY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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 “Transparent Rules
5 Allow Direct Exporting for Small Businesses and Jobs
6 Act” or “TRADE for Small Businesses and Jobs Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FOREIGN TARIFF AND NON-TARIFF LAWS, REGULA-**
2 **TIONS, AND PRACTICES AFFECTING EXPORTS**
3 **OF UNITED STATES GOODS AND SERVICES.**

4 (a) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this section is to as-
5 sist exporters of United States goods and services to ac-
6 cess new markets in foreign countries.

7 (b) COLLECTION OF INFORMATION.—

8 (1) BY SECRETARY OF COMMERCE.—The Sec-
9 retary of Commerce shall, in consultation with the
10 United States Trade Representative and the Sec-
11 retary of State, collect information on tariff and
12 non-tariff laws, regulations, and practices of foreign
13 countries affecting exports of United States goods
14 and services other than United States agricultural
15 commodities.

16 (2) BY SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE.—The
17 Secretary of Agriculture shall, in consultation with
18 the United States Trade Representative and the Sec-
19 retary of State, collect information on tariff and
20 non-tariff laws, regulations, and practices of foreign
21 countries affecting exports of United States agricul-
22 tural commodities.

23 (c) AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
25 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
26 retary of Commerce shall make available the infor-

1 mation collected under subsection (b)(1) and the
2 Secretary of Agriculture shall make available the in-
3 formation collected under subsection (b)(2) to
4 United States exporters on the website Export.gov
5 or a successor website.

6 (2) **FORMAT.**—The information collected under
7 subsections (b)(1) and (b)(2) shall be presented in
8 a clear and easy-to-understand format to allow
9 United States exporters to better understand and
10 comply with tariff and non-tariff laws, regulations,
11 and practices of foreign countries described in sub-
12 sections (b)(1) and (b)(2), respectively.

13 (3) **UPDATE.**—The Secretary of Commerce
14 shall update the information collected under sub-
15 section (b)(1) and the Secretary of Agriculture shall
16 update the information collected under subsection
17 (b)(2) on the website Export.gov or a successor
18 website not less than once every 60 days after the
19 date on which the Secretary of Commerce makes
20 available the information collected under subsection
21 (b)(1) and the Secretary of Agriculture makes avail-
22 able the information collected under subsection
23 (b)(2), respectively.

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