

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 117-54**

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Add at the end of subtitle C of title XII of division  
A the following:

1 **SEC. 1226. INTERAGENCY STRATEGY TO DISRUPT AND DIS-**  
2 **MANTLE NARCOTICS PRODUCTION AND**  
3 **TRAFFICKING AND AFFILIATED NETWORKS**  
4 **LINKED TO THE REGIME OF BASHAR AL-**  
5 **ASSAD IN SYRIA.**

6 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-  
7 gress that—

8 (1) the Captagon trade linked to the regime of  
9 Bashar al-Assad in Syria is a transnational security  
10 threat; and

11 (2) the United States should develop and imple-  
12 ment an interagency strategy to deny, degrade, and  
13 dismantle Assad-linked narcotics production and  
14 trafficking networks.

15 (b) REPORT AND STRATEGY REQUIRED.—Not later  
16 than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act,  
17 the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of State, the Sec-  
18 retary of the Treasury, the Administrator of the Drug En-  
19 forcement Administration, the Director of National Intel-

1 ligence, and the heads of other appropriate Federal agen-  
2 cies shall provide to the appropriate congressional commit-  
3 tees a written strategy to disrupt and dismantle narcotics  
4 production and trafficking and affiliated networks linked  
5 to the regime of Bashar al-Assad in Syria. Such strategy  
6 shall include each of the following:

7           (1) A strategy to target, disrupt, and degrade  
8           networks that directly or indirectly support the nar-  
9           cotics infrastructure of the Assad regime, particu-  
10          larly through diplomatic and intelligence support to  
11          law enforcement investigations and to build counter-  
12          narcotics capacity to partner countries through as-  
13          sistance and training to law enforcement services in  
14          countries, other than Syria, that are receiving or  
15          transiting large quantities of Captagon.

16          (2) Information relating to the use of statutory  
17          authorities, including the Caesar Syria Civilian Pro-  
18          tection Act of 2019 (22 U.S.C. 8791 note), the For-  
19          eign Narcotics Kingpin Designation Act (popularly  
20          referred to as the “Kingpin Act”), section 489 of the  
21          Foreign Assistance Act (relating to the international  
22          narcotics control strategy report), and associated ac-  
23          tions to target individuals and entities directly or in-  
24          directly associated with the narcotics infrastructure  
25          of the Assad regime.

1           (3) Information relating to the use of global  
2 diplomatic engagements associated with the eco-  
3 nomic pressure campaign against the Assad regime  
4 to target its narcotics infrastructure.

5           (4) A strategy for leveraging multilateral insti-  
6 tutions and cooperation with international partners  
7 to disrupt the narcotics infrastructure of the Assad  
8 regime.

9           (5) A strategy for mobilizing a public commu-  
10 nications campaign to increase awareness of the ex-  
11 tent of the connection of the Assad regime to illicit  
12 narcotics trade.

13           (6) A description of the countries receiving or  
14 transiting large shipments of Captagon, and an as-  
15 sessment of the counter-narcotics capacity of such  
16 countries to interdict or disrupt the smuggling of  
17 Captagon, including an assessment of current  
18 United States assistance and training programs to  
19 build such capacity in such countries.

20           (c) FORM OF REPORT.—The report required under  
21 subsection (b) shall be submitted in an unclassified form,  
22 but may contain a classified annex.

23           (d) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—  
24 In this section, the term “appropriate congressional com-  
25 mittees” means—

1           (1) the Committee on Armed Services, the  
2           Committee on the Judiciary, the Committee on For-  
3           eign Affairs, the Committee on Financial Services,  
4           the Committee on Appropriations, and the Perma-  
5           nent Select Committee on Intelligence of the House  
6           of Representatives; and

7           (2) the Committee on Armed Services, the  
8           Committee on the Judiciary, the Committee on For-  
9           eign Relations, the Committee on Banking, Housing,  
10          and Urban Affairs, the Committee on Appropria-  
11          tions, and the Select Committee on Intelligence of  
12          the Senate.

