

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 118–36
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At the end of subtitle C of title XVII, add the following:

1 **SEC. 17__ . AUTHORITY TO ENHANCE SECURITY ASSISTANCE**
2 **WITH COUNTRIES THAT ARE ENGAGED IN RE-**
3 **GIONAL SECURITY COOPERATION EFFORTS**
4 **IN THE MIDDLE EAST, NORTH AFRICA, AND**
5 **AFRICA.**

6 (a) STATEMENT OF POLICY.—It is the policy of the
7 United States to work with allies and partners to safe-
8 guard freedom of navigation, protect critical infrastruc-
9 ture, uphold basic principles of international law, and pro-
10 tect United States citizens from threats posed by Iran and
11 Iran-aligned entities in the Middle East, North Africa, and
12 Africa.

13 (b) AUTHORITY.—The Secretary of State shall—

14 (1) identify countries that—

15 (A) have normalized diplomatic relations
16 with the State of Israel; and

17 (B) are engaged in regional security co-
18 operation efforts in the Middle East, North Af-

1 rica, and Africa to combat threats posed by
2 Iran and Iran-aligned entities; and

3 (2) in order to meet the policy described in sub-
4 section (a), provide approval for the sale or lease, a
5 license or other approval for the export, or the trans-
6 fer of defense articles or defense services to coun-
7 tries identified by the Secretary under paragraph (1)
8 in accordance with the expedited approval provisions
9 of subsection (c).

10 (c) EXPEDITED APPROVAL PROVISIONS.—In the case
11 of a sale or lease of defense articles or defense services
12 under section 3, 21, or 36 of the Arms Export Control
13 Act (22 U.S.C. 2753, 2761, or 2776) to a country identi-
14 fied by the Secretary of State under subsection (b)(1), a
15 license or other approval under section 38 of such Act (22
16 U.S.C. 2778) for the export of defense articles or defense
17 services to such a country (or of a commercial agreement
18 that involves the manufacture in such a country of any
19 item of significant combat equipment on the United States
20 Munitions List in accordance with section 36(d) of such
21 Act (22 U.S.C. 2776(d))), or a transfer of excess defense
22 articles under section 516(c)(2) of the Foreign Assistance
23 Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2321j(c)(2)) to such a country,
24 the President shall—

1 (1) notwithstanding the time limitations de-
2 scribed in any of such sections, submit to Congress
3 a certification described in such sections, at least 15
4 calendar days before sale, lease, license or other ap-
5 proval, or transfer of the defense articles or defense
6 services is approved; and

7 (2) include in the certification—

8 (A) information on why the provision of
9 such defense articles or services is related to or
10 in furtherance of the policy described in sub-
11 section (a); and

12 (B) a summary of steps taken by the
13 United States Government to ensure that any
14 sensitive United States technology, information,
15 or capabilities that may be provided to such a
16 country by reason of the provision of such de-
17 fense articles or services are not acquired by—

18 (i) the People's Republic of China or
19 any entity owned or controlled by the Peo-
20 ple's Republic of China; or

21 (ii) the Russian Federation or any en-
22 tity owned or controlled by the Russian
23 Federation.

24 (d) STRATEGY.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after
2 the date of the enactment of this Act, and every 60
3 days thereafter, the Secretary of State shall submit
4 to the appropriate congressional committees, in writ-
5 ing, a strategy on the implementation of this section.

6 (2) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.—The strategy
7 required by this subsection shall include the fol-
8 lowing:

9 (A) An overview of the security threats
10 from Iran and Iran-aligned entities to both the
11 United States and the countries identified by
12 the Secretary of State under subsection (b)(1).

13 (B) A description and assessment of the
14 metrics and evaluation procedures used for im-
15 plementing the policy described in subsection
16 (a), including recommendations to improve mul-
17 tilateral cooperation between the United States
18 and such countries and among such countries.

19 (C) A description of the challenges to
20 achieving full interoperability between the
21 United States and such countries and the im-
22 pact on progress to address the policy described
23 in subsection (a), including efforts to address
24 shared threats posed by Iran and Iran-aligned
25 entities.

1 (D) A description of measures to provide
2 such countries interim capabilities until the
3 cases described in clauses (i) and (ii) are deliv-
4 ered.

5 (E) A description and assessment of—

6 (i) the status of all pending sales of
7 defense articles or defense services over
8 \$25,000,000, including Letters of Request
9 and where applicable Letters of Offer and
10 Acceptance, beginning 5 years prior to the
11 date of the enactment of this Act, to such
12 countries pursuant to the provisions of law
13 specified in subsection (c);

14 (ii) a description of the delivery time-
15 frames for all pending sales of defense ar-
16 ticles or defense services over \$25,000,000
17 to such countries pursuant to the provi-
18 sions of law specified in subsection (c) and
19 any measures that could be taken to expe-
20 dite their delivery; and

21 (iii) recommendations to improve the
22 process for authorizing the transfer of de-
23 fense articles and services authorized
24 under sections 36 and 38 of the Arms Ex-

1 port Control Act to such countries, includ-
2 ing as it relates to delivery timeline.

3 (3) FORM.—The report required by this sub-
4 section shall be submitted in unclassified form but
5 may contain a classified annex.

6 (4) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection—

7 (A) the term “appropriate congressional
8 committees” means—

9 (i) the Committee on Foreign Affairs
10 of the House of Representatives; and

11 (ii) the Committee on Foreign Rela-
12 tions of the Senate; and

13 (B) the term “Iran-aligned entity”—

14 (i) includes an entity that—

15 (I) is controlled or significantly
16 influenced by the Government of Iran;
17 and

18 (II) knowingly receives material
19 or financial support from the Govern-
20 ment of Iran; and

21 (ii) includes—

22 (I) Hezbollah;

23 (II) the Houthis; or

1 (III) any other proxy group that
2 furthers Iran's national security objec-
3 tives.

