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At the end of subtitle G of title VIII, insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. 8 ____ . STUDY AND REPORT ON SHIPPING CONTAINERS**
2 **AND SPECIALTY SHIPPING CONTAINERS.**

3 (a) STUDY AND REPORT.—Not later than 180 days
4 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
5 of Defense, in coordination with the Secretary of Trans-
6 portation, shall submit to the congressional defense com-
7 mittees, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastruc-
8 ture of the House of Representatives, and the Committee
9 on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate,
10 a report that contains the results of a study on—

11 (1) the national security implications of reliance
12 on shipping containers and specialty shipping con-
13 tainers produced by foreign adversary countries to
14 meet national defense requirements; and

15 (2) the feasibility and advisability of production
16 of shipping containers and specialty shipping con-
17 tainers by covered countries for procurement by the
18 Department of Defense.

1 (b) ELEMENTS.—The report required by subsection

2 (a) shall include—

3 (1) an assessment of the ability of the Secretary
4 of Defense to procure shipping containers and spe-
5 cialty shipping containers from sources other than
6 foreign adversary countries, including—

7 (A) any barriers faced by the Secretary for
8 such procurement, along with recommendations
9 to mitigate such barriers; and

10 (B) a timetable for such procurement;

11 (2) in coordination with entities in the domestic
12 defense industrial base, an assessment of require-
13 ments for shipping containers and specialty shipping
14 containers that could be produced in a covered coun-
15 try or which could be acquired from allied or partner
16 countries, including an assessment of the capabilities
17 and capacities of the workforce of the domestic de-
18 fense industrial base, supply chain considerations,
19 and the impact on the economy of the United States;

20 (3) an assessment how an alternative source for
21 procurement of specialty shipping containers would
22 affect defense systems requiring specialty shipping
23 containers, particularly in the event of a crisis; and

1 (4) any other relevant considerations, as jointly
2 determined by the Secretary of Defense and Sec-
3 retary of Transportation.

4 (c) FORM.—The report required under subsection (a)
5 shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may include
6 a classified annex.

7 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

8 (1) The term “covered country” means the
9 United States or an ally or partner country.

10 (2) The term “foreign adversary country”
11 means a country specified in section 4872(d)(2) of
12 title 10, United States Code.

13 (3) The term “shipping container” has the
14 meaning given the term “container” in section
15 80501 of title 46, United States Code.

16 (4) The term “specialty shipping container”
17 means a shipping container that is uniquely config-
18 ured to support and protect items contained during
19 handling, storage, unpacking, and forward and re-
20 turn shipment, or to protect personnel and equip-
21 ment from hazardous contents.

