

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 119-8**  
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At the end of subtitle A of title XVII, add the following:

1   **SEC. 17\_\_\_\_. AUTHORITY TO ENHANCE SECURITY ASSIST-**  
2                   **ANCE WITH COUNTRIES THAT ARE ENGAGED**  
3                   **IN REGIONAL SECURITY COOPERATION EF-**  
4                   **FORTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AF-**  
5                   **RICA.**

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 and North Africa.

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

13               (1) identify countries that—

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

16                   (B) are engaged in regional security co-  
17 operation efforts in the Middle East and North  
18 Africa to combat threats posed by Iran and  
19 Iran-aligned entities; and

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

8       (c) EXPEDITED APPROVAL PROVISIONS.—In the case  
9       of a sale, lease, or transfer of defense articles or defense  
10      services authorized under sections 36 and 38 of the Arms  
11      Export Control Act, or a transfer of excess defense articles  
12      under section 516(c)(2) of the Foreign Assistance Act of  
13      1961 (22 U.S.C. 2321j(c)(2)) to a country identified by  
14      the Secretary of State under subsection (b)(1), the Presi-  
15      dent shall—

16           (1) submit to Congress a certification described  
17      in such sections, at least 15 calendar days before  
18      sale, lease, license or other approval, or transfer of  
19      the defense articles or defense services is approved;  
20      and

21           (2) include in the certification—

22           (A) information on why the provision of  
23      such defense articles or services is related to or  
24      in furtherance of the policy described in sub-  
25      section (a); and

1 (B) a summary of steps taken by the  
2 United States Government to ensure that any  
3 sensitive United States technology, information,  
4 or capabilities that may be provided to such a  
5 country by reason of the provision of such de-  
6 fense articles or services are not acquired by—

7 (i) the People’s Republic of China or  
8 any entity owned or controlled by the Peo-  
9 ple’s Republic of China; or

10 (ii) the Russian Federation or any en-  
11 tity owned or controlled by the Russian  
12 Federation.

13 (d) STRATEGY.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after  
15 the date of the enactment of this Act, and every 180  
16 days thereafter for a period of 5 years, the Secretary  
17 of State shall submit to the appropriate congres-  
18 sional committees, in writing, a strategy on the im-  
19 plementation of this section.

20 (2) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.—The strategy  
21 required by this subsection shall include the fol-  
22 lowing:

23 (A) An overview of the security threats  
24 from Iran and Iran-aligned entities to both the

1 United States and the countries identified by  
2 the Secretary of State under subsection (b)(1).

3 (B) A description and assessment of the  
4 metrics and evaluation procedures used for im-  
5 plementing the policy described in subsection  
6 (a), including recommendations to improve mul-  
7 tilateral cooperation between the United States  
8 and such countries and among such countries.

9 (C) A description of the challenges to  
10 achieving full interoperability between the  
11 United States and such countries, including ef-  
12 forts to address shared threats posed by Iran  
13 and Iran-aligned entities.

14 (D) A description of measures to provide  
15 such countries interim capabilities until the  
16 cases described in section 2(c)(2)(B).

17 (E) A description and assessment of—

18 (i) the status of all pending sales of  
19 defense articles or defense services over  
20 \$25,000,000, including Letters of Request  
21 and, where applicable, Letters of Offer and  
22 Acceptance, beginning 5 years prior to the  
23 date of the enactment of this Act, to such  
24 countries pursuant to the provisions of law  
25 specified in subsection (c);

1 (ii) a description of the delivery time-  
2 frames for all pending sales of defense ar-  
3 ticles or defense services over \$25,000,000  
4 to such countries pursuant to the provi-  
5 sions of law specified in subsection (c) and  
6 any measures that could be taken to expe-  
7 dite their delivery; and

8 (iii) recommendations to improve the  
9 process for authorizing the transfer of de-  
10 fense articles and services authorized  
11 under sections 36 and 38 of the Arms Ex-  
12 port Control Act to such countries, includ-  
13 ing as it relates to delivery timeline.

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

17 (4) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection—

18 (A) the term “appropriate congressional  
19 committees” means—

20 (i) the Committee on Foreign Affairs  
21 of the House of Representatives; and

22 (ii) the Committee on Foreign Rela-  
23 tions of the Senate; and

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

25 (i) includes an entity that—

1 (I) is controlled or significantly  
2 influenced by the Government of Iran;  
3 and

4 (II) knowingly receives material  
5 or financial support from the Govern-  
6 ment of Iran; and

7 (ii) includes—

8 (I) Hezbollah;

9 (II) the Houthis; or

10 (III) any other proxy group that  
11 furthers Iran’s national security objec-  
12 tives.

13 (e) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-  
14 tion shall be construed as adversely affecting Israel’s qual-  
15 itative military edge, as defined in section 36(h)(3) of the  
16 Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2776).

