

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 119–33**

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At the end of title XVII of division A, add the following:

1                   **Subtitle C—BIS Licensing**  
2                   **Efficiency Act of 2026**

3 **SEC. 17\_\_. SHORT TITLE.**

4           This subtitle may be cited as the “BIS Licensing Ef-  
5 ficiency Act of 2026”.

6 **SEC. 17\_\_. FINDINGS.**

7           Congress finds the following:

8                   (1) Section 1756(a)(2) of the Export Control  
9           Reform Act of 2018 (50 U.S.C. 4815(a)(2)) requires  
10          the Secretary of Commerce to ensure that “licensing  
11          decisions are made in an expeditious manner, with  
12          transparency to applicants on the status of license  
13          and other authorization processing and the reason  
14          for denying any license or request for authoriza-  
15          tion”.

16                  (2) Section 1756(b) of the Export Control Re-  
17          form Act of 2018 (50 U.S.C. 4815(b)) expresses the  
18          sense of Congress that “the Secretary should make  
19          best efforts to ensure that an accurate, consistent,

1 and timely evaluation and processing of licenses or  
2 other requests for authorization to export, reexport,  
3 or in-country transfer items controlled under this  
4 subchapter is generally accomplished within 30 days  
5 from the date of such license request”.

6 (3) Executive Order 12981 (61 Fed. Reg.  
7 54079; relating to administration of export con-  
8 trols), which was codified in Export Control Reform  
9 Act of 2018 (50 U.S.C. 4801 et seq.), stipulates  
10 that “all license applications submitted under the  
11 Act and the Regulations or any renewal of, or suc-  
12 cessor to, the Export Administration Act and the  
13 Regulations, shall be resolved or referred to the  
14 President no later than 90 calendar days”.

15 (4) The Export Administration Regulations  
16 (parts 730–774 of title 15, Code of Federal Regula-  
17 tions) stipulate that license applications should be  
18 “resolved or referred to the President no later than  
19 90 calendar days from the date of BIS’s registration  
20 of the license application”.

21 **SEC. 17\_\_ . SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

22 It is the sense of Congress that—

23 (1) long license delays at the Bureau of Indus-  
24 try and Security of the Department of Commerce  
25 create uncertainty for United States exporters and

1 domestic manufacturers and can lead to the loss of  
2 business to foreign companies, harming the United  
3 States economy;

4 (2) efficient and predictable processing of ex-  
5 port licenses is critical to the competitiveness of  
6 United States technology companies and the stability  
7 of global supply chains;

8 (3) United States technology and economic  
9 leadership requires that the export controls system  
10 functions efficiently and that license decisions are  
11 made in an expeditious manner; and

12 (4) transparency regarding the efficiency and  
13 timeliness of license reviews is necessary for effective  
14 Congressional oversight of the export control system.

15 **SEC. 17\_\_ . LICENSING TIMELINE; LICENSING REVIEWS.**

16 Section 1756 of the Export Control Reform Act of  
17 2018 (50 U.S.C. 4815) is amended—

18 (1) by redesignating subsection (e) as sub-  
19 section (g);

20 (2) in subsection (g), as so redesignated, in the  
21 header, by striking “**REPORT**” and inserting “**AN-**  
22 **NUAL REPORT ON END USE CHECKS**”; and

23 (3) by inserting after subsection (d) the fol-  
24 lowing new subsections:

25 “(e) **LICENSING TIMELINE.**—

1           “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days  
2 after the date on which an application for a license  
3 under this section is submitted, the Secretary should  
4 make a licensing decision and notify the applicant of  
5 such decision.

6           “(2) DELAYED APPLICATION.—If no licensing  
7 decision is made not later than 120 days after the  
8 date on which an application for a license under this  
9 section was submitted, the Secretary shall notify the  
10 applicant of the status of such application, the rea-  
11 son such a decision has not been made, and request  
12 any additional information necessary to make such  
13 a decision.

14           “(f) LICENSING REVIEWS.—Licensing officers with  
15 relevant subject matter expertise shall play an essential  
16 role in conducting license reviews of all applications for  
17 a license under this section.”.

18 **SEC. 17\_\_ . QUARTERLY REPORT ON LICENSE PROCESSING.**

19           Section 1756 of the Export Control Reform Act of  
20 2018 (50 U.S.C. 4815), as amended by section 17\_\_, is  
21 further amended by inserting after subsection (g) the fol-  
22 lowing new subsection:

23           “(h) QUARTERLY REPORT ON LICENSE PROC-  
24 ESSING.—

1           “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days  
2 after the date of the enactment of this subsection,  
3 and not less frequently than quarterly thereafter, the  
4 Secretary shall submit to the appropriate congress-  
5 sional committees a report detailing the processing  
6 of license applications and other requests for author-  
7 ization for the export, reexport, release, and in-coun-  
8 try transfer of items controlled under this section.

9           “(2) ELEMENTS.—

10           “(A) INITIAL REPORT.—The first report  
11 required by paragraph (1) shall include, with  
12 respect to the preceding one-year period, the  
13 following:

14           “(i) The total number of license appli-  
15 cations submitted.

16           “(ii) On the date on which such re-  
17 port is submitted, the total number of li-  
18 cense applications in the below statuses on  
19 the:

20           “(I) Received.

21           “(II) On hold (i.e., on hold with-  
22 out action).

23           “(III) Referred to another de-  
24 partment or agency.

1                   “(IV) Signed off by a Licensing  
2                   Officer.

3                   “(V) Countersigned.

4                   “(VI) Validated.

5                   “(iii) A breakdown of the total num-  
6                   ber of licenses approved, denied, and re-  
7                   turned without action.

8                   “(iv) The average and median proc-  
9                   essing time for all license applications, in  
10                  calendar days from the date on which an  
11                  application is first submitted to the date  
12                  on which a decision on an application is  
13                  communicated to the applicant.

14                  “(v) The average and median proc-  
15                  essing time of license applications broken  
16                  out by—

17                         “(I) end-user country (for license  
18                         applications with multiple end-user  
19                         countries listed, such applications  
20                         shall be included in the calculation of  
21                         each country);

22                         “(II) Export Control Classifica-  
23                         tion Number (‘ECCN’) (for license  
24                         applications with multiple ECCNs list-

1 ed, such applications shall be included  
2 in the calculation of each ECCN); and

3 “(III) whether the license appli-  
4 cation was for an export, re-export,  
5 deemed export, or in-country transfer.

6 “(vi) The total number of license ap-  
7 plications referred to—

8 “(I) the Department of State;

9 “(II) the Department of Defense;

10 or

11 “(III) the Department of Energy.

12 “(vii) The number of license applica-  
13 tions that remained pending for not less  
14 than 90 calendar days and a summary of  
15 the reasons for such delays, including  
16 interagency referral, pre-license check, or  
17 administrative backlog.

18 “(B) SUBSEQUENT REPORTS.—Each sub-  
19 sequent report required by paragraph (1) shall  
20 include, with respect to the preceding quarter,  
21 the information described in subparagraph  
22 (A)(i) through (A)(vii).

23 “(3) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection—

24 “(A) the term ‘appropriate congressional  
25 committees’ means—

1 “(i) the Committee on Foreign Affairs  
2 of the House of Representatives; and

3 “(ii) the Committee on Banking,  
4 Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate;  
5 and”.

6 **SEC. 17\_. AUDIT AND REPORT BY COMPTROLLER GEN-**  
7 **ERAL OF THE UNITED STATES.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the  
9 date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General  
10 of the United States shall commence an audit of the li-  
11 cense review process of the Bureau of Industry and Secu-  
12 rity of the Department of Commerce.

13 (b) CONTENTS.—The audit required under sub-  
14 section (a) should analyze whether licensing decisions  
15 under the Export Control Reform Act of 2018 (50 U.S.C.  
16 4801 et seq.) have been made in an expeditious manner  
17 in the preceding calendar year consistent with the proce-  
18 dures and timelines mandated by such Act and identify  
19 any bottlenecks that may impact the timing of licensing  
20 decisions.

21 (c) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the en-  
22 actment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United  
23 States shall—

24 (1) submit a report with the findings from the  
25 audit required by subsection (a) to the Committee

1 on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives  
2 and the Committee on Banking, Housing, and  
3 Urban Affairs of the Senate; and

4 (2) post the report on a publicly available  
5 website of the United States Government Account-  
6 ability Office.

