

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

1 **SEC. 17____. UNITED STATES TRADE LEADERSHIP IN THE**
2 **INDO-PACIFIC.**

3 (a) INVESTIGATION OF IMPACT OF INDO-PACIFIC RE-
4 GIONAL AGREEMENTS ON UNITED STATES COMPETITIVE-
5 NESS.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the en-
6 actment of this Act, the United States International Trade
7 Commission shall conduct and conclude an investigation
8 to examine—

9 (1) how preferential market access provisions,
10 including tariffs, quotas, and services commitments,
11 in existing Indo-Pacific regional trade agreements,
12 including the Regional Comprehensive Economic
13 Partnership (RCEP) Agreement and the Com-
14 prehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pa-
15 cific Partnership (CPTPP), affect United States ex-
16 ports and growth opportunities in the Indo-Pacific
17 region;

18 (2) how existing non-tariff barriers, including
19 regulatory practices, relatively lower labor and envi-

1 ronmental standards, different rules for sectors
2 ranging from agriculture and the digital economy,
3 and standard-setting in these areas as part of exist-
4 ing Indo-Pacific regional and bilateral trade agree-
5 ments, impact the competitiveness of American
6 workers and businesses;

7 (3) the impact of existing Indo-Pacific regional
8 trade agreements on United States supply chain re-
9 siliency and connectivity, and in particular its im-
10 pact on the People’s Republic of China’s role in key
11 global supply chains; and

12 (4) differences between the United States-Mex-
13 ico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) and CPTPP,
14 RCEP, or other regional trade agreements in the
15 Indo-Pacific that would likely have a substantial im-
16 pact on United States businesses and workers.

17 (b) INDO-PACIFIC TRADE STRATEGY COMMISSION.—

18 (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—

19 (A) IN GENERAL.—There is hereby estab-
20 lished an independent commission to be known
21 as the “Indo-Pacific Trade Strategy Commis-
22 sion” (in this subsection referred to as the
23 “Commission”), to develop findings and rec-
24 ommendations for a comprehensive trade strat-

1 egy for the Indo-Pacific region for purposes
2 of—

3 (i) ensuring sustained United States
4 economic and geopolitical leadership in the
5 Indo-Pacific region;

6 (ii) promoting United States innova-
7 tion, exports, and economic opportunities
8 for workers and businesses;

9 (iii) countering the People’s Republic
10 of China’s aggressive trade agenda;

11 (iv) promoting United States values,
12 norms, and standards;

13 (v) strengthening the United States
14 economy;

15 (vi) bolstering United States economic
16 and national security, including by ad-
17 dressing the vulnerabilities identified in the
18 G7 Leaders’ Statement on Economic Resil-
19 ience and Economic Security of May 20,
20 2023; and

21 (vii) promoting United States supply
22 chain resilience.

23 (B) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This paragraph
24 shall take effect on the date that is 30 days
25 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

1 (2) MEMBERSHIP.—

2 (A) NUMBER AND APPOINTMENT.—The
3 Commission shall be composed of 12 members
4 appointed as follows:

5 (i) 6 members appointed by mutual
6 agreement of the Chair of the Committee
7 on Ways and Means of the House of Rep-
8 resentatives and the Ranking Member of
9 the Committee on Finance of the Senate.

10 (ii) 6 members appointed by mutual
11 agreement of the Chair of the Committee
12 on Finance of the Senate and the Ranking
13 Member of the Committee on Ways and
14 Means of the House of Representatives.

15 (iii) None of the appointed members
16 shall be a Member of the House of Rep-
17 resentatives or a Member of the Senate.

18 (B) QUALIFICATIONS.—The members of
19 the Commission shall be individuals who have
20 well-documented expertise, knowledge, or expe-
21 rience in the Indo-Pacific region, and—

22 (i) international trade;

23 (ii) economic and supply chain issues;

24 (iii) labor matters; or

25 (iv) environmental policy.

- 1 (C) MEETINGS.—The Commission shall—
- 2 (i) hold public hearings and meetings;
- 3 (ii) hold classified hearings or meet-
- 4 ings, if necessary to discuss classified ma-
- 5 terial or information;
- 6 (iii) provide an opportunity for public
- 7 comment, including sharing of research
- 8 and policy analysis, through publication of
- 9 a solicitation for public comments during a
- 10 period of not less than 45 days;
- 11 (iv) consult quarterly with Congress,
- 12 specifically with members of the Committee
- 13 on Ways and Means of the House of Rep-
- 14 resentatives and members of the Com-
- 15 mittee on Finance of the Senate; and
- 16 (v) submit, not later than 18 months
- 17 after the date of the enactment of this Act,
- 18 a final report to Congress, specifically to
- 19 the members of the Committee on Ways
- 20 and Means of the House of Representa-
- 21 tives and members of the Committee on
- 22 Finance of the Senate.

