

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

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At the end of subtitle A of title XVII, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 17 \_\_\_\_ . BLUE SKIES FOR TAIWAN.**

2 (a) BLUE UAS WORKING GROUP.—

3 (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 180 days  
4 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
5 retary of State, in coordination with the Secretary of  
6 Defense, shall establish a Blue UAS working group  
7 that leverages existing workstreams and expanding  
8 scope as needed and is inclusive of government, in-  
9 dustry, and academic experts. The working group  
10 shall—

11 (A) assess Taiwan’s domestic drone pro-  
12 duction capacity, including research and devel-  
13 opment, legal and regulatory frameworks, test-  
14 ing, certification, and production capacities for  
15 dual-use drones;

16 (B) evaluate opportunities for public-pri-  
17 vate partnerships between the United States  
18 and Taiwan for co-development and co-produce-

1           tion of UAS systems and components, including  
2           pilot programs;

3           (C) identify barriers to the inclusion of  
4           Taiwan-manufactured components and systems  
5           manufactured in Blue UAS programs;

6           (D) identify regulatory, export-control, and  
7           certification barriers that impede Taiwan's par-  
8           ticipation in Blue UAS programs;

9           (E) provide recommendations to expand  
10          and improve incorporation of Taiwanese sup-  
11          pliers into Blue UAS programs;

12          (F) identify specific UAS components or  
13          systems that could be integrated into Blue UAS  
14          programs within 180 to 360 days;

15          (G) analyze opportunities and impediments  
16          to including Taiwan in Drone Dominance pro-  
17          grams and similar initiatives; and

18          (H) assess opportunities for collaboration  
19          with the Army Organic Industrial Base, includ-  
20          ing its arsenals, depots, and ammunition plants,  
21          to support the testing, evaluation, production,  
22          maintenance, and sustainment of Blue UAS  
23          components and systems, including those co-de-  
24          veloped or co-produced with Taiwan.

1           (2) REPORTING.—Not later than one year after  
2           the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually  
3           thereafter for three years, the Working Group shall  
4           submit to the appropriate congressional committees  
5           an unclassified report on its activities, including  
6           findings, recommendations, timelines, resource  
7           needs, and potential funding mechanisms. Such re-  
8           port may include a classified annex.

9           (b) COOPERATIVE FRAMEWORK WITH ALLIES.—

10           (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State, in  
11           coordination with the Secretary of Defense, shall es-  
12           tablish a cooperative framework among the United  
13           States, Taiwan, and regional allies and global part-  
14           ners, drawing on the Partnership for Indo-Pacific  
15           Industrial Resilience—

16                   (A) to promote secure UAS supply chains  
17                   that are independent of the People’s Republic of  
18                   China (PRC); and

19                   (B) to enhance interoperability.

20           (2) ELEMENTS.—The cooperative framework  
21           shall include—

22                   (A) support for regional allies in the acqui-  
23                   sition of Blue UAS components or systems  
24                   from Taiwan to replace PRC-sourced compo-  
25                   nents; and

1 (B) a fast-track Blue UAS certification  
2 process for components co-developed or co-pro-  
3 duced by Taiwan and regional allies.

4 (c) FAST-TRACK BLUE UAS CERTIFICATION PROC-  
5 ESS.—The Secretary of State, in coordination with the  
6 Secretary of Defense, shall develop a fast-track process de-  
7 scribed in subsection (b)(2)(B) that includes the following  
8 procedures:

9 (1) Expedited export control reviews and licens-  
10 ing for Taiwan drone and drone component manu-  
11 facturers, including streamlined technical reviews for  
12 components with no PRC-connected subcomponents.

13 (2) A fast-track certification procedure for Tai-  
14 wanese manufacturers, including reciprocal testing  
15 arrangements or recognition of equivalent Taiwan  
16 cybersecurity standards where appropriate, for eligi-  
17 bility for the Blue UAS program.

18 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

19 (1) The term “appropriate congressional com-  
20 mittees” means—

21 (A) the Committee on Foreign Relations  
22 and the Committee on Armed Services of the  
23 Senate; and

1 (B) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and  
2 the Committee on Armed Services of the House  
3 of Representatives.

4 (2) The term “Blue UAS” means UAS compo-  
5 nents and systems that comply with the Blue UAS  
6 program of the Defense Contract Management  
7 Agency and are included in the associated list.

8 (e) RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-  
9 tion may be construed—

10 (1) to alter United States policy towards Tai-  
11 wan as codified in the Taiwan Relations Act of 1979  
12 (Public Law 96–8); or

13 (2) to alter the United States position with re-  
14 spect to the international status of Taiwan.

