

HR 2603

United States-Jordan Free Trade Area Implementation Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Foreign Trade and International Finance

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Law: 107-43 (Enacted Sep 28, 2001)

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • **State:** CA • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Sep 24, 2001
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 27, 2001
Ways and Means Committee	House	Reported By	Jul 31, 2001

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Foreign Trade and International Finance

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
107 S 643	Related bill	Sep 24, 2001: Indefinitely postponed by Senate by Unanimous Consent.
107 HR 1484	Procedurally related	Apr 19, 2001: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims.

United States-Jordan Free Trade Area Implementation Act - **Title I: Tariff Modifications; Rules of Origin** - Authorizes the President to proclaim such modifications or continuation of duty, continuation of duty-free or excise treatment, or additional duties as are deemed necessary or appropriate to carry out the Agreement between the United States of America and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan on the Establishment of a Free Trade Area (Agreement), entered into on October 24, 2000. Sets forth certain rules of origin with respect to the reduction or elimination of any duty imposed by the United States on Jordanian textile, fabric, or apparel articles as provided in such Agreement.

Title II: Relief From Imports - Subtitle A: General Provisions - Defines specified terms.

Subtitle B: Relief From Imports Benefitting From the Agreement - Directs the International Trade Commission (ITC), upon the filing of a petition by an entity (including a trade association, firm, certified or recognized union, or group of workers representative of an industry) requesting trade relief from U.S. obligations under the Agreement (or alleging that critical circumstances exist), to initiate an investigation to determine whether, as a result of the reduction or elimination of a duty provided for under the Agreement, a Jordanian article is being imported into the United States in such increased quantities and under such conditions that such imports alone constitute a substantial cause of serious injury or threat thereof to the domestic industry producing an article that is like, or directly competitive with, the imported article. Prescribes a procedure for ITC action on such a petition. Requires the President, upon an affirmative determination by the ITC, to provide necessary import relief (including suspension of any further duty reduction, or an increase in the rate duty, on imported Jordanian articles under the Agreement) and facilitate domestic industry efforts to make a positive adjustment to import competition, unless the provision of such relief is not in the U.S. national economic interest, or in extraordinary circumstances, the provision of relief would cause serious harm to U.S. national security.

Subtitle C: Cases Under Title II of the Trade Act of 1974 - Requires the ITC, if an affirmative determination about import competition has been made under the Trade Act of 1974, also to find whether imports of Jordanian articles are a substantial cause of serious injury or threat. Requires the President to review such a determination, and authorizes exclusion of such Jordanian imports from remedial action if the final determination is negative.

Title III: Temporary Entry - Authorizes a Jordanian national (including any spouse or child, if accompanying or following to join such national) to enter the United States pursuant to the Agreement as a nonimmigrant if such entrance is solely to carry on substantial trade, or solely to develop the operations of an enterprise in which he has invested a substantial amount of capital.

Title IV: General Provisions - Declares that U.S. law shall supercede any inconsistent Agreement provisions.

(Sec. 402) Authorizes appropriations for each fiscal year after FY 2001 to the Department of Commerce for the payment of the U.S. share of expenses incurred in dispute settlement proceedings under the Agreement.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 28, 2001:** Signed by President.
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- **Sep 28, 2001:** Became Public Law No: 107-43.
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- **Sep 25, 2001:** Presented to President.
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- **Sep 24, 2001:** Senate Committee on Finance discharged by Unanimous Consent.
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- **Sep 24, 2001:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S9679-9693)
- **Sep 24, 2001:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Voice Vote.
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- **Sep 24, 2001:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Jul 31, 2001:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Ways and Means. H. Rept. 107-176, Part I.
- **Jul 31, 2001:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Ways and Means. H. Rept. 107-176, Part I.
- **Jul 31, 2001:** House Committee on Judiciary Granted an extension for further consideration ending not later than July 31, 2001.
- **Jul 31, 2001:** Committee on Judiciary discharged.
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- **Jul 31, 2001:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 105.
- **Jul 31, 2001:** Mr. Thomas moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Jul 31, 2001:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H4871-4881)
- **Jul 31, 2001:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 2603.
- **Jul 31, 2001:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H4871-4873)
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- **Jul 31, 2001:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 31, 2001:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
- **Jul 27, 2001:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims.
- **Jul 26, 2001:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 26, 2001:** Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Jul 24, 2001:** Introduced in House
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