

HR 1584

Clean Diamond Trade Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** International Affairs

**Introduced:** Apr 3, 2003

**Current Status:** Became Public Law No: 108-19.

**Latest Action:** Became Public Law No: 108-19. (Apr 25, 2003)

**Law:** 108-19 (Enacted Apr 25, 2003)

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Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Houghton, Amo [R-NY-29]

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

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Rangel, Charles B. [D-NY-15]	D · NY		Apr 3, 2003
Rep. Thomas, William M. [R-CA-22]	R · CA		Apr 3, 2003
Rep. Smith, Christopher H. [R-NJ-4]	R · NJ		Apr 8, 2003

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 3, 2003
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 3, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

International Affairs

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 S 760	Related bill	<b>Apr 30, 2003:</b> Indefinitely postponed by Senate by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S5616)
108 HR 1415	Related bill	<b>Apr 3, 2003:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Trade.

**(This measure has not been amended since it passed the Senate on April 10, 2003. The summary of that version is repeated here.)**

Clean Diamond Trade Act - (Sec. 4) Directs the President to prohibit the importation into, or exportation from, the United States of any rough diamond, from whatever source, that has not been controlled through the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme (KPCS). Prescribes criteria for waiver of such prohibition.

(Sec. 5) Directs the President to require the appropriate Government agency to conduct annual reviews of the standards, practices, and procedures of any entity in the United States that issues Kimberley Process Certificates for the exportation from the United States of rough diamonds to determine whether they accord with the KPCS.

(Sec. 6) Makes the importing authority under this Act the U.S. Bureau of Customs and Border Protection (BCBP) and the exporting authority the Bureau of the Census.

(Sec. 7) Declares that the Congress supports the policy that the President shall take appropriate steps to promote and facilitate the adoption of the KPCS by the international community.

(Sec. 8) Sets forth civil and criminal penalties for violation of this Act. Authorizes the BCBP and the U.S. Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement to enforce this Act and the laws and regulations governing exports of rough diamonds, including with respect to the validation of the Kimberley Process Certificate by the exporting authority.

(Sec. 9) Authorizes the President to direct the appropriate Federal agencies to make available technical assistance to countries seeking to implement the KPCS.

(Sec. 10) Urges the President to work with states, customs territories, or regional economic integration organizations identified by the Secretary of State (Participants) to strengthen the KPCS through the adoption of measures for: (1) sharing statistics on rough diamonds production and trade; and (2) monitoring the effectiveness of the KPCS in stemming trade in diamonds whose importation or exportation is not controlled through the KPCS.

Urges the executive branch continue to: (1) keep and publish statistics on imports and exports of rough diamonds; (2) make them available for analysis by interested parties and by Participants; and (3) take a leadership role in negotiating a standardized methodology among Participants for reporting such statistics.

(Sec. 11) Directs the President to establish a Kimberley Process Implementation Coordinating Committee to coordinate the implementation of this Act.

(Sec. 12) Prescribes annual reporting requirements.

(Sec. 13) Directs the Comptroller General to report to Congress within two years after enactment of this Act on the effectiveness of its provisions in preventing the prohibited importation or exportation of rough diamonds.

(Sec. 14) Authorizes the President to delegate the duties and authorities under this Act to appropriate Federal officers, departments, or agencies.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Apr 25, 2003:** Signed by President.
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- **Apr 25, 2003:** Became Public Law No: 108-19.
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- **Apr 14, 2003:** Presented to President.
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- **Apr 11, 2003:** Mr. Thomas asked unanimous consent that the House agree to the Senate amendment.
- **Apr 11, 2003:** Resolving differences -- House actions: On motion that the House agree to the Senate amendment Agreed to without objection.(consideration: CR H3332-3334; text as House agreed to Senate amendments: CR H3332-3333)
- **Apr 11, 2003:** On motion that the House agree to the Senate amendment Agreed to without objection. (consideration: CR H3332-3334; text as House agreed to Senate amendments: CR H3332-3333)
- **Apr 11, 2003:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Apr 10, 2003:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S5112-5113)
- **Apr 10, 2003:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Apr 10, 2003:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Apr 10, 2003:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Apr 9, 2003:** Received in the Senate.
- **Apr 8, 2003:** Mr. Crane moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Apr 8, 2003:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H2895-2901)
- **Apr 8, 2003:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 1584.
- **Apr 8, 2003:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Apr 8, 2003:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H2911)
- **Apr 8, 2003:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 419 - 2, 1 Present (Roll no. 118).(text: CR H2895-2897)
- **Apr 8, 2003:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 419 - 2, 1 Present (Roll no. 118). (text: CR H2895-2897)
- **Apr 8, 2003:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Apr 3, 2003:** Introduced in House
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- **Apr 3, 2003:** Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on International Relations, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
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