

## S 3083

TRADE Act of 2008

**Congress:** 110 (2007–2009, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Foreign Trade and International Finance

**Introduced:** Jun 4, 2008

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (text of measure as introduced: CR S5044-5047)

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (text of measure as introduced: CR S5044-5047)  
(Jun 4, 2008)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/110th-congress/senate-bill/3083>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** OH • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Jun 4, 2008
Sen. Dorgan, Byron L. [D-ND]	D · ND		Jun 4, 2008
Sen. Feingold, Russell D. [D-WI]	D · WI		Jun 4, 2008
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Jun 4, 2008
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Jul 16, 2008
Sen. Byrd, Robert C. [D-WV]	D · WV		Jul 17, 2008

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 4, 2008

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Foreign Trade and International Finance

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 HR 6180	Related bill	<b>Jul 2, 2008:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Trade.

## Summary (as of Jun 4, 2008)

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Trade Reform, Accountability, Development, and Employment Act of 2008, or the TRADE Act of 2008 - Directs the Comptroller General of the United States to: (1) review certain free trade agreements (including Uruguay Round Agreements) between the United States and foreign countries; and (2) report to the Congressional Trade Agreement Review Committee regarding such agreements, including analyses of specified subjects and of each agreement, as well as whether the country has a democratic form of government that respects certain core labor rights and fundamental human rights, protects intellectual property rights, and enforces environmental laws.

Declares that implementing bills of new trade agreements shall be subject to a point of order in the Senate unless such agreements include certain standards with respect to: (1) labor; (2) environment and public safety; (3) food and product health and safety; (4) provision of services; (5) investment; (6) procurement; (7) intellectual property; (8) agriculture; (9) trade remedies and safeguards; (10) rules of origin; (11) dispute resolution and enforcement; (12) technical assistance; and (13) national security.

Requires the President to submit to Congress a plan to bring existing trade agreements into compliance with such standards.

Establishes a Congressional Trade Agreement Review Committee.

Expresses the sense of Congress that a certain process for U.S. trade negotiations should be followed when Congress considers legislation providing special procedures for implementing bills of trade agreements.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Jun 4, 2008:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jun 4, 2008:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S5043-5044)
- **Jun 4, 2008:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (text of measure as introduced: CR S5044-5047)

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