

HR 403

Free Trade With Cuba Act

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Rep. Loebsack, David [D-IA-2]	D · IA		Oct 6, 2015
Rep. Perlmutter, Ed [D-CO-7]	D · CO		Apr 20, 2016

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 16, 2015
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 23, 2015
Financial Services Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 16, 2015
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 16, 2015
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 16, 2015
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 16, 2015
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 27, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

International Affairs

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Free Trade With Cuba Act

Amends the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to repeal the embargo on trade with Cuba.

Prohibits the exercise by the President with respect to Cuba of certain authorities conferred by the Trading With the Enemy Act and exercised on July 1, 1977, as a result of a specified national emergency.

Makes ineffective any prohibition on exports to Cuba under the Export Administration Act of 1979.

Authorizes the President to impose export controls with respect to Cuba and exercise certain authorities under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act only on account of an unusual and extraordinary threat to U.S. national security that did not exist before enactment of this Act.

Repeals: (1) the Cuban Democracy Act of 1992, (2) the Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity (LIBERTAD) Act of 1996, (3) the prohibition under the Food Security Act of 1985 against allocation of the annual sugar quota to any country unless its officials verify that it does not import for reexport to the United States any sugar produced in Cuba, and (4) the prohibition under the Department of Commerce and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1999 on transactions or payments respecting certain U.S. intellectual property.

Amends the Trade Sanctions Reform and Export Enhancement Act of 2000 to remove Cuba from the list of state sponsors of terrorism subject to agricultural and medical export restrictions.

Amends the Internal Revenue Code to terminate the denial of foreign tax credit with respect to Cuba.

Authorizes common carriers to install and repair telecommunications equipment and facilities in Cuba, and otherwise provide telecommunications services between the United States and Cuba.

Prohibits regulation or banning of travel to and from Cuba by U.S. citizens or residents, or of any transactions incident to travel.

Directs the U.S. Postal Service to provide direct mail service to and from Cuba.

Urges the President to take all necessary steps to conduct negotiations with the Government of Cuba to: (1) settle claims of U.S. nationals against Cuba for the taking of property, and (2) secure protection of internationally recognized human rights.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 27, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Trade.
- **Jan 23, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.
- **Jan 16, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 16, 2015:** Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, Energy and Commerce, the Judiciary, Financial Services, Oversight and Government Reform, and Agriculture, 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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