

HR 825

United States-Israel Trade and Commercial Enhancement Act

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Financial Services Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 10, 2015
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 10, 2015
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 17, 2015
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 10, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

International Affairs

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 1907	Related bill	May 14, 2015: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 80.
114 S 619	Related bill	Mar 2, 2015: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Summary (as of Feb 10, 2015)

United States-Israel Trade and Commercial Enhancement Act

This bill states that among the principal U.S. trade negotiating objectives for trade agreements with foreign countries regarding commercial partnerships are to:

- discourage actions by potential trading partners that discourage commercial activity solely between the United States and Israel;
- discourage politically motivated actions to boycott, divest from, or sanction Israel and to seek the elimination of politically motivated non-tariff barriers on Israeli commerce; and
- seek the elimination of state-sponsored unsanctioned foreign boycotts against Israel or compliance with the Arab League Boycott of Israel.

The President is directed to report annually to Congress on politically motivated acts of boycott, divestment from, and sanctions against Israel.

The Securities Exchange Act of 1934 is amended to require a foreign issuer traded on the U.S. stock market to disclose in its quarterly or annual report:

- whether the issuer has discriminated against doing business with Israel in the last calendar year;
- whether the issuer has been advised by a foreign government or a non-member state of the United Nations (U.N.) to discriminate against doing business with Israel, entities owned or controlled by Israel, or entities operating in Israel or Israeli-controlled territory; and
- any instances where the issuer has learned that a person, foreign government, or a non-member state of the U.N. is boycotting the issuer, divesting itself of an ownership interest in the issuer, or placing sanctions on the issuer because of the issuer's relationship with Israel.

No U.S. court may recognize or enforce any judgment by a foreign court against a U.S. person carrying out business operations in Israel or in any territory controlled by Israel, and on which is based a determination by the foreign court that the location in Israel, or in any territory controlled by Israel, of the facilities at which the business operations are carried out is sufficient to constitute a violation of law.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 17, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.
- **Feb 10, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 10, 2015:** Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Foreign Affairs, Financial Services, and the Judiciary, 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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