

HR 7979

End China’s De Minimis Abuse Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Foreign Trade and International Finance

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • State: NC • Chamber: House

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Ways and Means Committee	House	Reported By	Dec 24, 2024

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Foreign Trade and International Finance

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill prohibits certain U.S. imports from receiving *de minimis* treatment and establishes related civil penalties. (Current law allows for imports under a *de minimis* threshold to enter the United States free of tariffs and taxes with minimal inspection. In 2016, Congress raised this threshold from \$200 to \$800.)

The bill prohibits imports from receiving *de minimis* treatment if those imports are subject to specified trade remedies, including

- antidumping and countervailing duty tariffs (Subtitle A or B of Title VII of the Tariff Act of 1930),
- safeguard measures (Section 201 of the Trade Act of 1974),
- actions in response to unfair trade practices (Section 301 of the Trade Act of 1974), or
- actions for national security purposes (Section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962).

The bill requires imports from countries that are subject to trade restrictions under Section 301 of the Trade Act of 1974, in order to receive *de minimis* treatment, to have a 10-digit classification of the import under the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS) that is provided to U.S. Customs and Border Protection. (HTS sets out the tariff rates and statistical categories for all U.S. imports.)

The bill also establishes civil penalties for any person who enters, introduces, or attempts to introduce an import in violation of this bill.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 24, 2024:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Ways and Means. H. Rept. 118-948.
- **Dec 24, 2024:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 797.
- **Apr 17, 2024:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held
- **Apr 17, 2024:** Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 24 - 18.
- **Apr 15, 2024:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 15, 2024:** Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.