

## HR 6500

AGOA Extension Act

**Congress:** 119 (2025–2027, Current)

**Chamber:** House

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

**Introduced:** Dec 9, 2025

**Current Status:** Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 320.

**Latest Action:** Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 320. (Feb 10, 2026)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/house-bill/6500>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Smith, Jason [R-MO-8]

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

### Cosponsors (1 total)

| Cosponsor                   | Party / State | Role | Date Joined |
|-----------------------------|---------------|------|-------------|
| Rep. Smith, Adrian [R-NE-3] | R · NE        |      | Dec 9, 2025 |

### Committee Activity

| Committee                | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
|--------------------------|---------|-------------|--------------|
| Ways and Means Committee | House   | Referred To | Dec 9, 2025  |
| Ways and Means Committee | House   | Markup By   | Dec 10, 2025 |
| Ways and Means Committee | House   | Reported By | Dec 30, 2025 |

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Foreign Trade and International Finance

### Related Bills

| Bill        | Relationship | Last Action                                       |
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| 119 HR 7148 | Related bill | <b>Feb 3, 2026:</b> Became Public Law No: 119-75. |

## AGOA Extension Act

This bill extends through December 31, 2028, trade preferences that provide duty-free access to the U.S. market for most exports from eligible countries in sub-Saharan Africa (SSA). The bill also extends through December 31, 2031, customs user fees and merchandise processing fees.

Specifically, the bill extends through 2028 the duty-free treatment of the products of beneficiary SSA countries under the Trade Act of 1974 (specifically, the Generalized System of Preferences) and the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA). (Currently, there are 32 countries eligible for AGOA.)

Additionally, the extended period applies to the following provisions of AGOA: (1) the duty-free treatment of certain apparel articles from beneficiary SSA countries; and (2) the third-country fabric provision, which allows limited amounts of apparel articles from lesser developed beneficiary SSA countries to qualify for duty-free treatment, even if the yarns and fabrics used in their production are imported from non-AGOA countries (e.g., apparel assembled in Kenya with Chinese fabrics).

The bill also provides for the refund of duties (i.e., liquidation or reliquidation of entries) on articles from eligible SSA countries that entered into the United States after September 30, 2025, and before the date of this bill's enactment. A refund request must be filed with U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and must contain sufficient information for CBP to locate the entry or, if the entry cannot be located, reconstruct the entry. CBP must refund any duties previously paid with respect to the entry within 90 days.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Feb 10, 2026:** Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 320.
- **Feb 9, 2026:** Read the first time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under Read the First Time.
- **Jan 13, 2026:** Received in the Senate.
- **Jan 12, 2026:** Mr. Smith (MO) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Jan 12, 2026:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H637-642)
- **Jan 12, 2026:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 6500.
- **Jan 12, 2026:** 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.
- **Jan 12, 2026:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H646)
- **Jan 12, 2026:** 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): 340 - 54 (Roll no. 14). (text: CR H637)
- **Jan 12, 2026:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 340 - 54 (Roll no. 14). (text: CR H637)
- **Jan 12, 2026:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Dec 30, 2025:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Ways and Means. H. Rept. 119-416.
- **Dec 30, 2025:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 362.
- **Dec 10, 2025:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held
- **Dec 10, 2025:** Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 37 - 3.
- **Dec 9, 2025:** Introduced in House
- **Dec 9, 2025:** Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

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