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To prohibit the importation of wood and related articles from the Russian Federation and the Republic of Belarus, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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A BILL

To prohibit the importation of wood and related articles from the Russian Federation and the Republic of Belarus, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “No Timber From Ty-
5 rants Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON THE IMPORTATION OF WOOD AND**
7 **RELATED ARTICLES FROM THE RUSSIAN**
8 **FEDERATION AND THE REPUBLIC OF**
9 **BELARUS.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—The President shall prohibit the
11 importation into the United States of all wood and related
12 articles classifiable under chapter 44 of the Harmonized
13 Tariff Schedule of the United States that are determined
14 to originate from the Russian Federation or the Republic
15 of Belarus, without regard to whether such articles are
16 shipped through third countries.

17 (b) TERMINATION.—The President may terminate
18 the prohibition under subsection (a) with respect to either
19 the Russian Federation or the Republic of Belarus (or
20 both) beginning 90 days after the date on which the Presi-

1 dent certifies to Congress that the Russian Federation or
2 the Republic of Belarus (or both, as applicable)—

3 (1) has reached an agreement relating to the
4 respective withdrawal of Russian or Belarusian
5 forces (or both, if applicable) and cessation of mili-
6 tary hostilities that is accepted by the free and inde-
7 pendent Government of Ukraine;

8 (2) poses no immediate military threat of ag-
9 gression to any North Atlantic Treaty Organization
10 member; and

11 (3) recognizes the right of the people of
12 Ukraine to independently and freely choose their
13 own government.

14 **SEC. 3. TIMBER PRODUCTION TO REPLACE PROHIBITED**
15 **IMPORTS.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
17 sion of law, the Secretary concerned—

18 (1) shall authorize timber harvest in an amount
19 sufficient to equal the volume, with respect to cal-
20 endar year 2021, of imports of wood and related ar-
21 ticles described in section 2; and

22 (2) may only authorize timber harvest under
23 paragraph (1)—

1 (A) on public lands or National Forest
2 System lands designated as suitable for timber
3 production; and

4 (B) in accordance with the allowable sale
5 quantity of timber applicable to such lands on
6 the date of the enactment of this Act.

7 (b) PROHIBITION.—The Secretary concerned shall
8 not approve any forest plan or land management plan revi-
9 sion that reduces the allowable sale quantity of timber
10 under the plan unless the Secretary concerned submits a
11 written explanation to the Committees on Agriculture and
12 Natural Resources of the House of Representatives and
13 Committees on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry and
14 Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate certifying
15 that such revision will not interfere with the obligations
16 of the Secretary concerned under subsection (a).

17 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date
18 of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture and
19 Secretary of the Interior shall each submit a report to the
20 Committees specified in subsection (b) that includes—

21 (1) a list of timber sales initiated and com-
22 pleted by the Secretary concerned to fulfill the obli-
23 gations established under subsection (a); and

1 (2) a list of planned timber sales proposed by
2 the Secretary concerned to fulfill the obligations es-
3 tablished under subsection (a).

4 (d) SECRETARY CONCERNED DEFINED.—In this sec-
5 tion, the term “Secretary concerned” means—

6 (1) the Secretary of the Interior, with respect
7 to public lands; and

8 (2) the Secretary of Agriculture, with respect to
9 National Forest System lands.

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