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# H. R. 9167

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GUEST (for himself and Mr. McCAUL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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## A BILL

To provide for operations of U.S. Customs and Border Protection in foreign countries, 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 “Combatting Inter-  
5       national Drug Trafficking and Human Smuggling Part-  
6       nership Act of 2022”.

1 **SEC. 2. ENHANCING THE OPERATIONS OF U.S. CUSTOMS**  
2 **AND BORDER PROTECTION IN FOREIGN**  
3 **COUNTRIES.**

4 (a) OPERATIONS IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES AND SUP-  
5 PORT TO FOREIGN AUTHORITIES.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Tariff Act of 1930 (19  
7 U.S.C. 1304 et seq.) is amended by inserting after  
8 section 629 the following new section:

9 **“SEC. 629A. OPERATIONS IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES AND**  
10 **SUPPORT TO FOREIGN AUTHORITIES.**

11 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other pro-  
12 vision of law, employees of U.S. Customs and Border Pro-  
13 tection and other customs officers designated in accord-  
14 ance with section 401(i) may provide the support de-  
15 scribed in subsection (b) to authorities of the government  
16 of a foreign country, including by conducting joint oper-  
17 ations with appropriate law enforcement officials within  
18 the territory of that country, if an arrangement has been  
19 entered into between the Government of the United States  
20 and the government of that country under which the provi-  
21 sion of such support by U.S. Customs and Border Protec-  
22 tion and such other customs officers is permitted.

23 “(b) SUPPORT DESCRIBED.—Support described in  
24 this subsection is air and marine support for—

25 “(1) the monitoring, locating, tracking, and de-  
26 terrence of—

1 “(A) illegal drugs to the United States;

2 “(B) the illicit traffic of persons and goods  
3 into the United States;

4 “(C) terrorist threats to the United States;  
5 and

6 “(D) other threats to the security or econ-  
7 omy of the United States;

8 “(2) emergency humanitarian efforts; and

9 “(3) law enforcement capacity-building efforts.

10 “(c) PAYMENT OF CLAIMS AGAINST U.S. CUSTOMS  
11 AND BORDER PROTECTION FOR ACTIONS IN FOREIGN  
12 COUNTRIES.—The Secretary of Homeland Security may  
13 use funds appropriated or otherwise available to U.S. Cus-  
14 toms and Border Protection for operations and support  
15 to pay tort claims, in the manner authorized in the first  
16 paragraph of section 2672 of title 28, United States Code,  
17 when such claims arise in foreign countries in connection  
18 with U.S. Customs and Border Protection operations  
19 abroad”.

20 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 411(f)  
21 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C.  
22 211(f)) is amended—

23 (A) by redesignating paragraph (4) as  
24 paragraph (5); and

1                   (B) by inserting after paragraph (3) the  
2                   following:

3                   “(4) PERMISSIBLE ACTIVITIES.—U.S. Customs  
4                   and Border Protection may provide support to au-  
5                   thorities of the government of a foreign country, in-  
6                   cluding by conducting joint operations, with appro-  
7                   priate officials within the territory of that country in  
8                   accordance with section 629A of the Tariff Act of  
9                   1930.”.

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