

105TH CONGRESS
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S. 1026

AMENDMENT

In the House of Representatives, U. S.,

October 6, 1997.

Resolved, That the bill from the Senate (S. 1026) entitled “An Act to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank of the United States.”, do pass with the following

AMENDMENT:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

1 ***SECTION 1. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY.***

2 *Section 7 of the Export-Import Bank Act of 1945 (12*
3 *U.S.C. 635f) is amended by striking “1997” and inserting*
4 *“2001”.*

5 ***SEC. 2. TIED AID CREDIT FUND AUTHORITY.***

6 *(a) Section 10(c)(2) of the Export-Import Bank Act*
7 *of 1945 (12 U.S.C. 635i-3(c)(2)) is amended by striking*
8 *“through September 30, 1997”.*

9 *(b) Section 10(e) of such Act (12 U.S.C. 635i-3(e)) is*
10 *amended by striking the first sentence and inserting the fol-*
11 *lowing: “There are authorized to be appropriated to the*
12 *Fund such sums as may be necessary to carry out the pur-*
13 *poses of this section.”.*

1 **SEC. 3. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE FINANCING**
2 **FOR THE EXPORT OF NONLETHAL DEFENSE**
3 **ARTICLES OR SERVICES THE PRIMARY END**
4 **USE OF WHICH WILL BE FOR CIVILIAN PUR-**
5 **POSES.**

6 *Section 1(c) of Public Law 103-428 (12 U.S.C. 635*
7 *note; 108 Stat. 4376) is amended by striking “1997” and*
8 *inserting “2001”.*

9 **SEC. 4. CLARIFICATION OF PROCEDURES FOR DENYING**
10 **CREDIT BASED ON THE NATIONAL INTEREST.**

11 *Section 2(b)(1)(B) of the Export-Import Bank Act of*
12 *1945 (12 U.S.C. 635(b)(1)(B)) is amended—*

13 *(1) in the last sentence, by inserting “, after con-*
14 *sultation with the Committee on Banking and Finan-*
15 *cial Services of the House of Representatives and the*
16 *Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs*
17 *of the Senate,” after “President”; and*

18 *(2) by adding at the end the following: “Each*
19 *such determination shall be delivered in writing to*
20 *the President of the Bank, shall state that the deter-*
21 *mination is made pursuant to this section, and shall*
22 *specify the applications or categories of applications*
23 *for credit which should be denied by the Bank in fur-*
24 *therance of the national interest.”.*

1 **SEC. 5. ADMINISTRATIVE COUNSEL.**

2 *Section 3(e) of the Export-Import Bank Act of 1945*
3 *(12 U.S.C. 635a(e)) is amended—*

4 *(1) by inserting “(1)” after “(e)”; and*

5 *(2) by adding at the end the following:*

6 *“(2) The General Counsel of the Bank shall ensure that*
7 *the directors, officers, and employees of the Bank have avail-*
8 *able appropriate legal counsel for advice on, and oversight*
9 *of, issues relating to ethics, conflicts of interest, personnel*
10 *matters, and other administrative law matters by designat-*
11 *ing an attorney to serve as Assistant General Counsel for*
12 *Administration, whose duties, under the supervision of the*
13 *General Counsel, shall be concerned solely or primarily with*
14 *such issues.”.*

15 **SEC. 6. ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA.**

16 *(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2(b) of the Export-Import*
17 *Bank Act of 1945 (12 U.S.C. 635(b)) is amended by insert-*
18 *ing after paragraph (8) the following:*

19 *“(9)(A) The Board of Directors of the Bank shall take*
20 *prompt measures, consistent with the credit standards oth-*
21 *erwise required by law, to promote the expansion of the*
22 *Bank’s financial commitments in sub-Saharan Africa*
23 *under the loan, guarantee, and insurance programs of the*
24 *Bank.*

25 *“(B)(i) The Board of Directors shall establish and use*
26 *an advisory committee to advise the Board of Directors on*

1 *the development and implementation of policies and pro-*
 2 *grams designed to support the expansion described in sub-*
 3 *paragraph (A).*

4 “(ii) *The advisory committee shall make recommenda-*
 5 *tions to the Board of Directors on how the Bank can facili-*
 6 *tate greater support by United States commercial banks for*
 7 *trade with sub-Saharan Africa.*

8 “(iii) *The advisory committee shall terminate 4 years*
 9 *after the date of the enactment of this subparagraph.*”.

10 **(b) REPORTS TO THE CONGRESS.**—*Within 6 months*
 11 *after the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually*
 12 *for each of the 4 years thereafter, the Board of Directors*
 13 *of the Export-Import Bank of the United States submit to*
 14 *the Congress a report on the steps that the Board has taken*
 15 *to implement section 2(b)(9)(B) of the Export-Import Bank*
 16 *Act of 1945 and any recommendations of the advisory com-*
 17 *mittee established pursuant to such section.*

18 **SEC. 7. INCREASE IN LABOR REPRESENTATION ON THE AD-**
 19 **VISORY COMMITTEE OF THE EXPORT-IMPORT**
 20 **BANK.**

21 *Section 3(d)(2) of the Export-Import Bank Act of 1945*
 22 *(12 U.S.C. 635a(d)(2)) is amended—*

23 (1) *by inserting “(A)” after “(2)”;* and

24 (2) *by adding after and below the end the follow-*
 25 *ing:*

1 “(B) Not less than 2 members appointed to the Advi-
2 sory Committee shall be representative of the labor commu-
3 nity.”.

4 **SEC. 8. OUTREACH TO COMPANIES.**

5 Section 2(b)(1) of the Export-Import Bank Act of 1945
6 (12 U.S.C. 635(b)(1)) is amended by adding at the end the
7 following:

8 “(I) The Chairman of the Bank shall design and im-
9 plement a program to provide information about Bank pro-
10 grams to companies which have not participated in Bank
11 programs. Not later than 1 year after the date of the enact-
12 ment of this subparagraph, the Chairman of the Bank shall
13 submit to the Congress a report on the activities undertaken
14 pursuant to this subparagraph.”.

15 **SEC. 9. FIRMS THAT HAVE SHOWN A COMMITMENT TO REIN-**
16 **VESTMENT AND JOB CREATION IN THE UNIT-**
17 **ED STATES TO BE GIVEN PREFERENCE IN FI-**
18 **NANCIAL ASSISTANCE DETERMINATIONS.**

19 Section 2(b)(1) of the Export-Import Bank Act of 1945
20 (12 U.S.C. 635(b)(1)), as amended by section 8 of this Act,
21 is amended by adding at the end the following:

22 “(J) The Board of Directors of the Bank shall prescribe
23 such regulations and the Bank shall implement such proce-
24 dures as may be appropriate to ensure that, in selecting
25 from among firms to which to provide financial assistance,

1 *preference be given to any firm that has shown a commit-*
 2 *ment to reinvestment and job creation in the United*
 3 *States.”.*

4 **SEC. 10. PREFERENCE IN EXPORT-IMPORT BANK ASSIST-**
 5 **ANCE FOR EXPORTS TO CHINA TO BE PRO-**
 6 **VIDED TO COMPANIES ADHERING TO CODE**
 7 **OF CONDUCT.**

8 *(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2 of the Export-Import*
 9 *Bank Act of 1945 (12 U.S.C. 635) is amended by adding*
 10 *at the end the following:*

11 *“(f) PREFERENCE IN ASSISTANCE FOR EXPORTS TO*
 12 *CHINA TO BE PROVIDED TO ENTITIES ADHERING TO CODE*
 13 *OF CONDUCT.—*

14 *“(1) PROHIBITIONS.—*

15 *“(A) IN GENERAL.—In determining whether*
 16 *to guarantee, insure, extend credit, or partici-*
 17 *pate in the extension of credit with respect to the*
 18 *export of goods or services destined for the Peo-*
 19 *ple’s Republic of China, the Board of Directors*
 20 *shall give preference to entities that the Board of*
 21 *Directors determines have established and are*
 22 *adhering to the code of conduct set forth in para-*
 23 *graph (2).*

24 *“(B) PENALTY FOR VIOLATION.—The Bank*
 25 *shall withdraw any guarantee, insurance, or*

1 *credit that the Bank has provided, and shall*
2 *withdraw from any participation in an exten-*
3 *sion of credit, to an entity with respect to the ex-*
4 *port of any good or service destined for the Peo-*
5 *ple's Republic of China if the Board of Directors*
6 *determines that the entity is not adhering to the*
7 *code of conduct set forth in paragraph (2).*

8 “(2) *CODE OF CONDUCT.*—*An entity shall do all*
9 *of the following in all of its operations:*

10 “(A) *Provide a safe and healthy workplace.*

11 “(B) *Ensure fair employment, including*
12 *by—*

13 “(i) *avoiding child and forced labor,*
14 *and discrimination based upon race, gen-*
15 *der, national origin, or religious beliefs;*

16 “(ii) *respecting freedom of association*
17 *and the right to organize and bargain col-*
18 *lectively;*

19 “(iii) *paying not less than the mini-*
20 *imum wage required by law or the prevail-*
21 *ing industry wage, whichever is higher; and*

22 “(iv) *providing all legally mandated*
23 *benefits.*

24 “(C) *Obey all applicable environmental*
25 *laws.*

1 “(D) *Comply with United States and local*
2 *laws promoting good business practices, includ-*
3 *ing laws prohibiting illicit payments and ensur-*
4 *ing fair competition.*

5 “(E) *Maintain, through leadership at all*
6 *levels, a corporate culture—*

7 “(i) *which respects free expression con-*
8 *sistent with legitimate business concerns,*
9 *and does not condone political coercion in*
10 *the workplace;*

11 “(ii) *which encourages good corporate*
12 *citizenship and makes a positive contribu-*
13 *tion to the communities in which the entity*
14 *operates; and*

15 “(iii) *in which ethical conduct is rec-*
16 *ognized, valued, and exemplified by all em-*
17 *ployees.*

18 “(F) *Require similar behavior by partners,*
19 *suppliers, and subcontractors under terms of con-*
20 *tracts.*

21 “(G) *Implement and monitor compliance*
22 *with the subparagraphs (A) through (F) through*
23 *a program that is designed to prevent and detect*
24 *noncompliance by any employee or supplier of*
25 *the entity and that includes—*

1 “(i) standards for ethical conduct of
2 employees of the entity and of suppliers
3 which refer to the subparagraphs;

4 “(ii) procedures for assignment of ap-
5 propriately qualified personnel at the man-
6 agement level to monitor and enforce com-
7 pliance;

8 “(iii) procedures for reporting non-
9 compliance by employees and suppliers;

10 “(iv) procedures for selecting qualified
11 individuals who are not employees of the
12 entity or of suppliers to monitor compli-
13 ance, and for assessing the effectiveness of
14 such compliance monitoring;

15 “(v) procedures for disciplinary action
16 in response to noncompliance;

17 “(vi) procedures designed to ensure
18 that, in cases in which noncompliance is de-
19 tected, reasonable steps are taken to correct
20 the noncompliance and prevent similar
21 noncompliance from occurring; and

22 “(vii) communication of all standards
23 and procedures with respect to the code of
24 conduct to every employee and supplier—

1 “(I) by requiring all management
2 level employees and suppliers to par-
3 ticipate in a training program; or

4 “(II) by disseminating informa-
5 tion orally and in writing, through
6 posting of an explanation of the stand-
7 ards and procedures in prominent
8 places sufficient to inform all employ-
9 ees and suppliers, in the local lan-
10 guages spoken by employees and man-
11 agers.

12 “(3) *SMALL BUSINESS EXCEPTION.*—*This sub-*
13 *section shall not apply to an entity that is a small*
14 *business (within the meaning of the Small Business*
15 *Act).”.*

16 *(b) ANNUAL REPORT.*—*Section 2(b)(1)(A) of such Act*
17 *(12 U.S.C. 635(b)(1)(A)) is amended by adding at the end*
18 *the following: “The Bank shall include in the annual report*
19 *a description of the actions the Bank has taken to comply*
20 *with subsection (f) during the period covered by the re-*
21 *port.”.*

22 *(c) RECIPIENTS OF ASSISTANCE FROM THE EXPORT-*
23 *IMPORT BANK TO BE PROVIDED WITH RESOURCES AND*
24 *INFORMATION TO FURTHER ADHERENCE TO GLOBAL*
25 *CODES OF CORPORATE CONDUCT.*—*The Export-Import*

1 *Bank of the United States shall work with the Clearing-*
 2 *house on Corporate Responsibility that is being developed*
 3 *by the Department of Commerce to ensure that recipients*
 4 *of assistance from the Export-Import Bank are made aware*
 5 *of, and have access to, resources and organizations that can*
 6 *assist the recipients in developing, implementing, and mon-*
 7 *itoring global codes of corporate conduct.*

8 **SEC. 11. RENAMING OF BANK AS THE UNITED STATES EX-**
 9 **PORT BANK.**

10 (a) *AMENDMENTS TO THE EXPORT-IMPORT BANK ACT*
 11 *OF 1945.—*

12 (1) *The first section of the Export-Import Bank*
 13 *Act of 1945 (12 U.S.C. 635 note) is amended to read*
 14 *as follows:*

15 **“SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

16 *“This Act may be cited as the ‘United States Export*
 17 *Bank Act of 1945’.”*

18 (2) *The following provisions of such Act are*
 19 *amended by striking “Export-Import Bank of the*
 20 *United States” and inserting “United States Export*
 21 *Bank”:*

22 (A) *Section 2(a)(1) (12 U.S.C. 635(a)(1)).*

23 (B) *Section 3(a) (12 U.S.C. 635a(a)).*

24 (C) *Section 3(b) (12 U.S.C. 635a(b)).*

25 (D) *Section 3(c)(1) (12 U.S.C. 635a(c)(1)).*

1 (E) Section 4 (12 U.S.C. 635b).

2 (F) Section 5 (12 U.S.C. 635d).

3 (G) Section 6(a) (12 U.S.C. 635e(a)).

4 (H) Section 7 (12 U.S.C. 635f).

5 (I) Section 8(a) (12 U.S.C. 635g(a)).

6 (J) Section 9 (12 U.S.C. 635h).

7 (3) The following provisions of such Act are
8 amended by striking “Export-Import Bank” each
9 place it appears and inserting “United States Export
10 Bank”:

11 (A) Section 2(b)(1)(A) (12 U.S.C.
12 635(b)(1)(A)).

13 (B) Section 3(c)(3) (12 U.S.C. 635a(c)(3)).

14 (b) *DEEMING RULES.*—Any reference in any law,
15 map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the
16 United States to the Export-Import Bank of the United
17 States is deemed to be a reference to the United States Ex-
18 port Bank, and any reference in any law, map, regulation,
19 document, paper, or other record of the United States to
20 the Export-Import Bank Act of 1945 is deemed to be a ref-
21 erence to the United States Export Bank Act of 1945.

1 **SEC. 12. PROHIBITION AGAINST ASSISTANCE TO RUSSIA IF**
 2 **RUSSIA TRANSFERS CERTAIN MISSILE SYS-**
 3 **TEMS TO THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.**

4 *Section 2(b) of the Export-Import Bank Act of 1945*
 5 *(12 U.S.C 635(b)) is amended by adding at the end the*
 6 *following:*

7 *“(12) PROHIBITION AGAINST ASSISTANCE TO RUSSIA*
 8 *IF RUSSIA TRANSFERS CERTAIN MISSILE SYSTEMS TO THE*
 9 *PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.—If the President of the*
 10 *United States is made aware that Russia has transferred*
 11 *or delivered to the People’s Republic of China an SS–N–*
 12 *22 or SS–N–26 missile system, the President of the United*
 13 *States shall notify the Bank of the transfer or delivery.*
 14 *Upon receipt of the notification, the Bank shall not insure,*
 15 *guarantee, extend credit or participate in an extension of*
 16 *credit with respect to, or otherwise subsidize the export of*
 17 *any good or service to Russia.”.*

18 **SEC. 13. PROHIBITION AGAINST PROVISION OF ASSISTANCE**
 19 **FOR EXPORTS TO COMPANIES THAT EMPLOY**
 20 **CHILD LABOR.**

21 *Section 2 of the Export-Import Bank Act of 1945 (12*
 22 *U.S.C. 635) is amended by adding at the end the following:*

23 *“(f) PROHIBITION AGAINST ASSISTANCE FOR EXPORTS*
 24 *TO COMPANIES THAT EMPLOY CHILD LABOR.—The Bank*
 25 *shall not guarantee, insure, extend credit, or participate in*

1 *the extension of credit with respect to the export of any good*
2 *or service to an entity if the entity—*

3 “(1) *employs children in a manner that would*
4 *violate United States law regarding child labor if the*
5 *entity were located in the United States; or*

6 “(2) *has not made a binding commitment to not*
7 *employ children in such manner.”.*

Attest:

Clerk.