

109TH CONGRESS  
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# S. 1699

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## AN ACT

To amend title 18, United States Code, to provide criminal penalties for trafficking in counterfeit marks.

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; FINDINGS.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the  
5 “Stop Counterfeiting in Manufactured Goods Act”.

1 (b) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds that—

2 (1) the United States economy is losing millions  
3 of dollars in tax revenue and tens of thousands of  
4 jobs because of the manufacture, distribution, and  
5 sale of counterfeit goods;

6 (2) the Bureau of Customs and Border Protec-  
7 tion estimates that counterfeiting costs the United  
8 States \$200 billion annually;

9 (3) counterfeit automobile parts, including  
10 brake pads, cost the auto industry alone billions of  
11 dollars in lost sales each year;

12 (4) counterfeit products have invaded numerous  
13 industries, including those producing auto parts,  
14 electrical appliances, medicines, tools, toys, office  
15 equipment, clothing, and many other products;

16 (5) ties have been established between counter-  
17 feiting and terrorist organizations that use the sale  
18 of counterfeit goods to raise and launder money;

19 (6) ongoing counterfeiting of manufactured  
20 goods poses a widespread threat to public health and  
21 safety; and

22 (7) strong domestic criminal remedies against  
23 counterfeiting will permit the United States to seek  
24 stronger anticounterfeiting provisions in bilateral  
25 and international agreements with trading partners.

1 **SEC. 2. TRAFFICKING IN COUNTERFEIT MARKS.**

2 Section 2320 of title 18, United States Code, is  
3 amended as follows:

4 (1) Subsection (a) is amended by inserting after  
5 “such goods or services” the following: “, or inten-  
6 tionally traffics or attempts to traffic in labels,  
7 patches, stickers, wrappers, badges, emblems, medal-  
8 lions, charms, boxes, containers, cans, cases,  
9 hangtags, documentation, or packaging of any type  
10 or nature, knowing that a counterfeit mark has been  
11 applied thereto, the use of which is likely to cause  
12 confusion, to cause mistake, or to deceive,”.

13 (2) Subsection (b) is amended to read as fol-  
14 lows:

15 “(b)(1) The following property shall be subject to for-  
16 feiture to the United States and no property right shall  
17 exist in such property:

18 “(A) Any article bearing or consisting of a  
19 counterfeit mark used in committing a violation of  
20 subsection (a).

21 “(B) Any property used, in any manner or part,  
22 to commit or to facilitate the commission of a viola-  
23 tion of subsection (a).

24 “(2) The provisions of chapter 46 of this title relating  
25 to civil forfeitures, including section 983 of this title, shall  
26 extend to any seizure or civil forfeiture under this section.

1 At the conclusion of the forfeiture proceedings, the court,  
2 unless otherwise requested by an agency of the United  
3 States, shall order that any forfeited article bearing or  
4 consisting of a counterfeit mark be destroyed or otherwise  
5 disposed of according to law.

6 “(3)(A) The court, in imposing sentence on a person  
7 convicted of an offense under this section, shall order, in  
8 addition to any other sentence imposed, that the person  
9 forfeit to the United States—

10 “(i) any property constituting or derived from  
11 any proceeds the person obtained, directly or indi-  
12 rectly, as the result of the offense;

13 “(ii) any of the person’s property used, or in-  
14 tended to be used, in any manner or part, to com-  
15 mit, facilitate, aid, or abet the commission of the of-  
16 fense; and

17 “(iii) any article that bears or consists of a  
18 counterfeit mark used in committing the offense.

19 “(B) The forfeiture of property under subparagraph  
20 (A), including any seizure and disposition of the property  
21 and any related judicial or administrative proceeding, shall  
22 be governed by the procedures set forth in section 413  
23 of the Comprehensive Drug Abuse Prevention and Control  
24 Act of 1970 (21 U.S.C. 853), other than subsection (d)  
25 of that section. Notwithstanding section 413(h) of that

1 Act, at the conclusion of the forfeiture proceedings, the  
2 court shall order that any forfeited article or component  
3 of an article bearing or consisting of a counterfeit mark  
4 be destroyed.

5 “(4) When a person is convicted of an offense under  
6 this section, the court, pursuant to sections 3556, 3663A,  
7 and 3664, shall order the person to pay restitution to the  
8 owner of the mark and any other victim of the offense  
9 as an offense against property referred to in section  
10 3663A(c)(1)(A)(ii).

11 “(5) The term ‘victim’, as used in paragraph (4), has  
12 the meaning given that term in section 3663A(a)(2).”.

13 (3) Subsection (e)(1) is amended—

14 (A) by striking subparagraph (A) and in-  
15 serting the following:

16 “(A) a spurious mark—

17 “(i) that is used in connection with  
18 trafficking in any goods, services, labels,  
19 patches, stickers, wrappers, badges, em-  
20 blems, medallions, charms, boxes, con-  
21 tainers, cans, cases, hangtags, documenta-  
22 tion, or packaging of any type or nature;

23 “(ii) that is identical with, or substan-  
24 tially indistinguishable from, a mark reg-  
25 istered on the principal register in the

1 United States Patent and Trademark Of-  
2 fice and in use, whether or not the defend-  
3 ant knew such mark was so registered;

4 “(iii) that is applied to or used in con-  
5 nection with the goods or services for  
6 which the mark is registered with the  
7 United States Patent and Trademark Of-  
8 fice, or is applied to or consists of a label,  
9 patch, sticker, wrapper, badge, emblem,  
10 medallion, charm, box, container, can,  
11 case, hangtag, documentation, or pack-  
12 aging of any type or nature that is de-  
13 signed, marketed, or otherwise intended to  
14 be used on or in connection with the goods  
15 or services for which the mark is registered  
16 in the United States Patent and Trade-  
17 mark Office; and

18 “(iv) the use of which is likely to  
19 cause confusion, to cause mistake, or to  
20 deceive; or”; and

21 (B) by amending the matter following sub-  
22 paragraph (B) to read as follows:

23 “but such term does not include any mark or des-  
24 ignation used in connection with goods or services,  
25 or a mark or designation applied to labels, patches,

1 stickers, wrappers, badges, emblems, medallions,  
2 charms, boxes, containers, cans, cases, hangtags,  
3 documentation, or packaging of any type or nature  
4 used in connection with such goods or services, of  
5 which the manufacturer or producer was, at the time  
6 of the manufacture or production in question, au-  
7 thORIZED to use the mark or designation for the type  
8 of goods or services so manufactured or produced,  
9 by the holder of the right to use such mark or des-  
10 ignation.”.

11 (4) Section 2320 is further amended—

12 (A) by redesignating subsection (f) as sub-  
13 section (g); and

14 (B) by inserting after subsection (e) the  
15 following:

16 “(f) Nothing in this section shall entitle the United  
17 States to bring a criminal cause of action under this sec-  
18 tion for the repackaging of genuine goods or services not  
19 intended to deceive or confuse.”.

20 **SEC. 3. SENTENCING GUIDELINES.**

21 (a) REVIEW AND AMENDMENT.—Not later than 180  
22 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the United  
23 States Sentencing Commission, pursuant to its authority  
24 under section 994 of title 28, United States Code, and  
25 in accordance with this section, shall review and, if appro-

1 p r i a t e , a m e n d t h e F e d e r a l s e n t e n c i n g g u i d e l i n e s a n d p o l i c y  
2 s t a t e m e n t s a p p l i c a b l e t o p e r s o n s c o n v i c t e d o f a n y o f f e n s e  
3 u n d e r s e c t i o n 2 3 1 8 o r 2 3 2 0 o f t i t l e 1 8 , U n i t e d S t a t e s  
4 C o d e .

5 ( b ) A U T H O R I Z A T I O N . — T h e U n i t e d S t a t e s S e n t e n c i n g  
6 C o m m i s s i o n m a y a m e n d t h e F e d e r a l s e n t e n c i n g g u i d e l i n e s  
7 i n a c c o r d a n c e w i t h t h e p r o c e d u r e s s e t f o r t h i n s e c t i o n  
8 2 1 ( a ) o f t h e S e n t e n c i n g A c t o f 1 9 8 7 ( 2 8 U . S . C . 9 9 4 n o t e )  
9 a s t h o u g h t h e a u t h o r i t y u n d e r t h a t s e c t i o n h a d n o t e x -  
1 0 p i r e d .

1 1 ( c ) R E S P O N S I B I L I T I E S O F U N I T E D S T A T E S S E N -  
1 2 T E N C I N G C O M M I S S I O N . — I n c a r r y i n g o u t t h i s s e c t i o n , t h e  
1 3 U n i t e d S t a t e s S e n t e n c i n g C o m m i s s i o n s h a l l d e t e r m i n e  
1 4 w h e t h e r t h e d e f i n i t i o n o f “ i n f r i n g e m e n t a m o u n t ” s e t f o r t h  
1 5 i n a p p l i c a t i o n n o t e 2 o f s e c t i o n 2 B 5 . 3 o f t h e F e d e r a l s e n -  
1 6 t e n c i n g g u i d e l i n e s i s a d e q u a t e t o a d d r e s s s i t u a t i o n s i n  
1 7 w h i c h t h e d e f e n d a n t h a s b e e n c o n v i c t e d o f o n e o f t h e o f -  
1 8 f e n s e s l i s t e d i n s u b s e c t i o n ( a ) a n d t h e i t e m i n w h i c h t h e  
1 9 d e f e n d a n t t r a f f i c k e d w a s n o t a n i n f r i n g i n g i t e m b u t r a t h e r  
2 0 w a s i n t e n d e d t o f a c i l i t a t e i n f r i n g e m e n t , s u c h a s a n a n t i -  
2 1 c i r c u m v e n t i o n d e v i c e , o r t h e i t e m i n w h i c h t h e d e f e n d a n t  
2 2 t r a f f i c k e d w a s i n f r i n g i n g a n d a l s o w a s i n t e n d e d t o f a c i l i -  
2 3 t a t e i n f r i n g e m e n t i n a n o t h e r g o o d o r s e r v i c e , s u c h a s a  
2 4 c o u n t e r f e i t l a b e l , d o c u m e n t a t i o n , o r p a c k a g i n g , t a k i n g i n t o



1 account cases such as U.S. v. Sung, 87 F.3d 194 (7th  
2 Cir. 1996).

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Attest:

*Secretary.*

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