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S. 1501

To amend the Animal Health Protection Act to improve the prevention of the spread of animal diseases, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 28, 2025

Mr. WICKER (for himself, Ms. SMITH, Mrs. BRITT, and Mr. COONS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

A BILL

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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 “Safe American Food
5 Exports Act of 2025” or the “SAFE Act of 2025”.

6 **SEC. 2. ENGAGEMENT WITH EXPORT MARKETS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 10405 of the Animal
8 Health Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 8304) is amended—

1 (1) by redesignating subsection (d) as sub-
2 section (e); and

3 (2) by inserting after subsection (c) the fol-
4 lowing:

5 “(d) ENGAGEMENT WITH EXPORT MARKETS.—

6 “(1) IN GENERAL.—To reduce the impact of
7 animal disease outbreaks on United States exports,
8 the Secretary, acting through the Administrator of
9 the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, the
10 Under Secretary of Agriculture for Trade and For-
11 eign Agricultural Affairs, and the Administrator of
12 the Food Safety and Inspection Service, in consulta-
13 tion with the United States Trade Representative,
14 may negotiate regionalization, zoning,
15 compartmentalization, and other agreements regard-
16 ing outbreaks of known animal disease threats of
17 trade significance with the governments of countries
18 with export markets for livestock animals or animal
19 products from the United States.

20 “(2) RESEARCH.—A negotiation carried out
21 under paragraph (1) should take into account ac-
22 cepted global research advances.”.

23 (b) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
24 tion—

1 (1) limits the ability of the United States Trade
2 Representative to negotiate trade agreements; or
3 (2) requires the United States Trade Rep-
4 resentative to condition other trade agreements on
5 the inclusion of language relating to reducing the
6 impact of animal disease outbreaks on United States
7 exports, as described in subsection (d)(1) of section
8 10405 of the Animal Health Protection Act (7
9 U.S.C. 8304).

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