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To establish the Office of Information and Communications Technology and Services within the Bureau of Industry and Security of the Department of Commerce, and for other purposes.

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Ms. SLOTKIN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

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## 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 “Information and Com-

5       munications Technology and Services National Security

6       Review Act”.

1   **SEC. 2. OFFICE OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS**

2                   **TECHNOLOGY AND SERVICES.**

3       (a) IN GENERAL.—The Export Control Reform Act  
4 of 2018 (50 U.S.C. 4801 et seq.) is amended by adding  
5 at the end the following:

6                   **“PART IV—OFFICE OF INFORMATION AND**  
7                   **COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY AND SERVICES**  
8                   **“SEC. 1785. DEFINITIONS.**

9       “In this part:

10               “(1) AGENCY.—The term ‘agency’ has the  
11 meaning given that term in section 551 of title 5,  
12 United States Code.

13               “(2) COMMERCE CONTROL LIST.—The term  
14 ‘Commerce Control List’ means the Commerce Con-  
15 trol List set forth in Supplement No. 1 to part 774  
16 of the Export Administration Regulations.

17               “(3) COVERED TRANSACTION.—The term ‘cov-  
18 ered transaction’ means a transaction that—

19               “(A) is conducted by any person subject to  
20 the jurisdiction of the United States or involves  
21 property subject to the jurisdiction of the  
22 United States;

23               “(B) involves—

24               “(i) ICTS (as the term is defined by  
25 Executive Order 13873) that is designed,  
26 developed, manufactured, or supplied by

1           persons owned by, controlled by, or subject  
2           to a jurisdiction or direction of a jurisdic-  
3           tion of concern; or

4                 “(ii) an item on the Commerce Con-  
5                 trol List; and

6                 “(C) is—

7                 “(i) an ICTS transaction (as de-  
8                 scribed in section 791.1 of title 15, Code of  
9                 Federal Regulations (or any successor reg-  
10                 ulation)); or

11                 “(ii) a transaction relating to the ex-  
12                 port, reexport, or in-country transfer for  
13                 an item described in subparagraph (B)(ii).

14                 “(4) CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE.—The term  
15                 ‘critical infrastructure’ means systems and assets,  
16                 whether physical or virtual, so vital to the United  
17                 States that the incapacity or destruction of such sys-  
18                 tems and assets would have a debilitating impact on  
19                 national security, national economic security, na-  
20                 tional public health or safety, or any combination of  
21                 those matters.

22                 “(5) ENTITY.—The term ‘entity’ means any  
23                 firm, partnership, trust, joint venture, corporation,  
24                 or other association or organization.

1               “(6) ENTITY OF CONCERN.—The term ‘entity  
2       of concern’ means an entity owned or controlled  
3       by—

4               “(A) an entity listed on the Entity List set  
5       forth in Supplement No. 4 to part 744 of the  
6       Export Administration Regulation; or

7               “(B) a person subject to the jurisdiction of  
8       a country that is under a comprehensive United  
9       States arms embargo, as listed in Country  
10      Group D:5 in Supplement No. 1 to part 740 of  
11      the Export Administration Regulations.

12       “(7) INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS  
13      TECHNOLOGY AND SERVICES; ICTS.—The terms ‘in-  
14      formation and communications technology and serv-  
15      ices’ and ‘ICTS’ have the meaning given the term  
16      ‘information and communications technology or serv-  
17      ices’ in Executive Order 13873 (50 U.S.C. 1701  
18      note; relating to securing the information and com-  
19      munications technology and services supply chain).

20       “(8) JURISDICTION OF CONCERN.—The term  
21      ‘jurisdiction of concern’ means any of the following:

- 22               “(A) The People’s Republic of China.
- 23               “(B) The Russian Federation.
- 24               “(C) The Islamic Republic of Iran.

1                   “(D) The Democratic People’s Republic of  
2                   Korea.

3           “(9) RELEVANT COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS.—

4 The term ‘relevant committees of Congress’ means—

7                   “(B) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of  
8                   the House of Representatives.

9               “(10) UNDUE RISK.—The term ‘undue risk’

10 means any of the following:

“(A) The undue risk of sabotage to or sub-  
version of the design, integrity, manufacturing,  
production, distribution, installation, operation,  
or maintenance of ICTS in the United States.

15                   “(B) The undue risk of catastrophic effects  
16                   on the security or resiliency of United States  
17                   critical infrastructure or the digital economy of  
18                   the United States

19                   “(C) The undue risk of an entity of con-  
20                   cern acquiring an item on the Commerce Con-  
21                   trol List.

22 "SEC. 1785A. OFFICE OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICA-  
23 TIONS TECHNOLOGY AND SERVICES

24        "(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established within  
25 the Bureau of Industry and Security of the Department

1 of Commerce an Office of Information and Communica-  
2 tions Technology and Services (in this section referred to  
3 as the ‘Office’).

4 “(b) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.—The head of the Office  
5 shall be an Executive Director, who shall—

6 “(1) be appointed by the Secretary; and

7 “(2) report to the Assistant Secretary ap-  
8 pointed under section 1782(a)(2).

9 “(c) DUTIES.—The Office shall—

10 “(1) identify and prevent through mitigation or  
11 prohibition the undue risk posed by certain trans-  
12 actions; and

13 “(2) educate industry and other partners on  
14 relevant risks and communicate decisions.

15 “(d) SPECIAL HIRING AUTHORITY.—The Executive  
16 Director may appoint, without regard to the provisions of  
17 sections 3309 through 3318 of title 5, United States Code,  
18 candidates directly to positions in the competitive service  
19 (as defined in section 2102 of that title).

20 “(e) TRANSITION RULES.—

21 “(1) CONTINUATION IN OFFICE OF THE EXECU-  
22 TIVE DIRECTOR.—An individual serving as the Exec-  
23 utive Director before the date of the enactment of  
24 this part may serve as the Executive Director on

1 and after that date without the need for appointment  
2 under subsection (b).

3       “(2) REPORTING.—The Executive Director  
4 shall report to the Under Secretary for Industry and  
5 Security until such time as an Assistant Secretary is  
6 appointed, by and with the advice and consent of the  
7 Senate, under section 1782(a)(2).

8       **“SEC. 1785B. TRANSACTION REVIEW PROCESS.**

9       “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting through  
10 the Office of Information and Communications Tech-  
11 nology and Services, shall review covered transactions ac-  
12 cording to the following procedures:

13       “(1) REVIEW.—The Secretary may review any  
14 covered transaction that the Secretary suspects  
15 poses an undue risk.

16       “(2) INVESTIGATIVE AUTHORITY.—In reviewing  
17 a covered transaction described in paragraph (1) the  
18 Secretary may do the following:

19           “(A) Require any person subject to the ju-  
20 risdiction of the United States to furnish under  
21 oath, in the form of a report or otherwise, at  
22 any time as may be required by the Secretary,  
23 complete information relative to any such trans-  
24 action.

1                 “(B) Require that any such report take a  
2                 particular form as directed in a request, regula-  
3                 tion, or other guidance provided by the Sec-  
4                 retary, which may be required before, during, or  
5                 after any such transaction.

6                 “(C) Through any agency, conduct inves-  
7                 tigations, hold hearings, administer oaths, ex-  
8                 amine witnesses, receive evidence, take deposi-  
9                 tions, and require by subpoena the attendance  
10                 and testimony of witnesses and the production  
11                 of any book, contract, letter, paper, and other  
12                 hard copy or document relating to any matter  
13                 under investigation, regardless of whether any  
14                 such report has been required or filed.

15                 “(b) MITIGATION OF RISK.—

16                 “(1) IN GENERAL.—If the Secretary finds  
17                 under subsection (a) that a covered transaction  
18                 poses an undue risk, the Secretary shall mitigate the  
19                 undue risk as described in paragraph (2) or prohibit  
20                 the transaction.

21                 “(2) MITIGATION OF RISK AUTHORITY.—The  
22                 Secretary may choose to mitigate any undue risk  
23                 posed by a covered transaction reviewed under sub-  
24                 section (a). To mitigate the undue risk, the Sec-

1       retary may do any of the following with regard to  
2       any party to the covered transaction:

3               “(A) Negotiate, enter into or impose, and  
4               enforce any agreement or condition.

5               “(B) Require adherence to certain cyberse-  
6               curity standards and other mitigation require-  
7               ments determined to be necessary by the Sec-  
8               retary.

9               “(C) Require the exclusion (in whole or in  
10          part) of certain components, including physical  
11          parts or hardware, software, digital services,  
12          and digital components, of any ICTS or any  
13          sub-component of ICTS from any such trans-  
14          action.

15               “(D) Anything else the Secretary deter-  
16          mines to be appropriate or necessary to miti-  
17          gate the undue risk.

18               “(3) PROHIBITION OF TRANSACTION.—If the  
19          Secretary determines that the undue risk posed by  
20          a covered transaction cannot be effectively mitigated  
21          for any reason, the Secretary—

22               “(A) may prohibit the covered transaction;  
23          and

24               “(B) if the Secretary prohibits the trans-  
25          action, shall—

1                         “(i) notify any party subject to the re-  
2                         view of the covered transaction of the pro-  
3                         hibition; and

4                         “(ii) publish the prohibition in the  
5                         Federal Register.

6     **“SEC. 1785C. REGULATING COVERED TRANSACTIONS CON-**  
7                         **NECTED TO ENTITIES OR JURISDICTIONS OF**  
8                         **CONCERN.**

9     “(a) AUTHORIZATION To ISSUE RULES FOR CER-  
10 TAIN CLASSES OF COVERED TRANSACTIONS.—The Sec-  
11 retary may determine that, for certain classes of covered  
12 transactions, a review conducted under section 1785B  
13 may not effectively address undue risks and may promul-  
14 gate, in accordance with section 553 of title 5, United  
15 States Code, regulations that do the following:

16                         “(1) Identify particular covered transactions,  
17                         entities of concern, or jurisdictions of concern that  
18                         warrant particular scrutiny for undue risk.

19                         “(2) Establish mitigation measures to address  
20                         undue risk, to include prohibitions related to entities  
21                         of concern or jurisdictions of concern or for classes  
22                         of covered transactions.

23                         “(3) Establish criteria by which particular cov-  
24                         ered transactions or particular classes of partici-  
25                         pants in the covered transaction supply chain may

1       be recognized as categorically included in or as cat-  
2       egorically excluded from mitigation measures or pro-  
3       hibitions.

4           “(4) Establish particular classes of covered  
5       transactions or parties to covered transactions that  
6       must abide by certain prohibitions or mitigation  
7       measures.

8           “(5) Establish procedures to authorize or li-  
9       cense transactions otherwise prohibited pursuant to  
10      a regulation promulgated under this section.

11          “(6) Any other rule the Secretary determines to  
12       be appropriate.

13          “(b) OTHER REVIEW BY SECRETARY PERMITTED.—  
14     The promulgation of any regulation under subsection (a)  
15     does not preclude the Secretary from initiating a review  
16     of any covered transaction, including a covered transaction  
17     that belongs to an identified category under this section.

18   **“SEC. 1785D. RISK ASSESSMENTS.**

19          “(a) DNI RISK ASSESSMENTS.—Not later than 180  
20     days after the date of the enactment of this part, and an-  
21     nually thereafter, the Director of National Intelligence  
22     shall submit to the Secretary—

23           “(1) a risk assessment related to the threats  
24     posed by entities of concern or jurisdictions of con-

1 cern to the United States by the supply chain of cov-  
2 ered transactions that—

3 “(A) includes specific criteria to evaluate  
4 any risk to the national security of the United  
5 States; and

6 “(B) identifies any entities of concern, ju-  
7 risdictions of concern, participants in such sup-  
8 ply chain, and covered transactions or classes of  
9 covered transactions posing the highest risks to  
10 the national security of the United States; and

11 “(2) a risk assessment of the threats posed by  
12 the supply chains of covered transactions to the na-  
13 tional security of the United States.

14 “(b) SUBMISSION OF RISK ASSESSMENT.—

15 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days  
16 after the date on which the risk assessments re-  
17 quired by subsection (a) are submitted to the Sec-  
18 retary, the Director of National Intelligence shall  
19 submit the risk assessments to the relevant commit-  
20 tees of Congress in unclassified format.

21 “(2) CLASSIFIED ANNEX.—The risk assess-  
22 ments submitted under paragraph (1)—

23 “(A) may include a classified annex; and

24 “(B) shall include in the classified annex  
25 only the identification of specific participants in

1           the supply chain of covered transactions that  
2           pose risk to the national security of the United  
3           States.

4   **“SEC. 1785E. OTHER AUTHORITIES.**

5        “(a) REGULATIONS.—Any regulation the Secretary  
6        promulgated under Executive Order 13873 (50 U.S.C.  
7        1701 note; relating to securing the information and com-  
8        munications technology and services supply chain) and  
9        Executive Order 14034 (50 U.S.C. 1701 note; relating to  
10      protecting Americans’ sensitive data from foreign adver-  
11      saries) before the date of the enactment of this part shall  
12      continue in effect on and after such date of enactment.  
13      In carrying out the requirements of this part, the Sec-  
14      retary may amend regulations or promulgate new regula-  
15      tions and procedures as the Secretary considers appro-  
16      priate.

17       “(b) GUIDANCE.—The Secretary may issue guidance  
18      and establish procedures to carry out this part.

19       “(c) TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE.—

20           “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days  
21           after the date of the enactment of this part, the Sec-  
22           retary shall establish an ICTS technical advisory  
23           committee to report to the Executive Director of the  
24           Office of Information and Communications Tech-  
25           nology and Services.

1           “(2) MEMBERSHIP.—The ICTS advisory com-  
2       mittee established under paragraph (1) shall include  
3       the following:

4           “(A) Industry academic experts on covered  
5       transaction supply chains.

6           “(B) Representatives of private sector  
7       companies, industry associations, and academia.

8           “(C) A designated Federal officer to ad-  
9       minister the advisory committee and report to  
10      the Executive Director.

11       “(d) CONFIDENTIALITY AND DISCLOSURE OF INFOR-  
12      MATION.—Any information or document not otherwise  
13      publicly or commercially available that has been submitted  
14      to the Secretary under this part shall not be released pub-  
15      licly excepted to the extent required by Federal law.

16      **“SEC. 1785F. ENFORCEMENT.**

17       “(a) INVESTIGATIONS.—

18           “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may conduct  
19       an investigation of any violation of an authorization,  
20       order, mitigation measure, regulation, or prohibition  
21       issued under this part.

22           “(2) ACTIONS BY DESIGNEES.—In conducting  
23       an investigation described in paragraph (1), the As-  
24       sistant Secretary of Commerce for Export Enforce-  
25       ment, or designated officers or employees of the Sec-

1       retary may, to the extent necessary or appropriate to  
2       enforce this part, exercise such authority as is con-  
3       ferred upon them by any other Federal law, subject  
4       to policies and procedures approved by the Attorney  
5       General.

6       “(b) PERMITTED ACTIVITIES.—An officer or em-  
7       ployee authorized to conduct investigations under sub-  
8       section (a) by the Secretary may do any of the following:

9           “(1) Inspect, search, detain, seize, or impose a  
10          temporary denial order with respect to any item, in  
11          any form, or conveyance on which it is believed that  
12          there are items that have been, are being, or are  
13          about to be imported into the United States in viola-  
14          tion of this part or any other applicable Federal law.

15           “(2) Require, inspect, and obtain any book,  
16          record, and any other information from any person  
17          subject to the provisions of this part or other appli-  
18          cable Federal law.

19           “(3) Administer an oath or affirmation and, by  
20          subpoena, require any person to appear and testify  
21          or to appear and produce books, records, and other  
22          writings.

23           “(4) Obtain a court order and issue legal proc-  
24          ess to the extent authorized under chapters 119,

1       121, and 206 of title 18, United States Code, or any  
2       other applicable Federal law.

3       “(c) ENFORCEMENT OF SUBPOENAS.—In the case of  
4       contumacy by, or refusal to obey a subpoena issued to,  
5       any person under subsection (b)(3), a district court of the  
6       United States, after notice to such person and a hearing,  
7       shall have jurisdiction to issue an order requiring such  
8       person to appear and give testimony or to appear and  
9       produce books, records, and other writings, regardless of  
10      format, that are the subject of the subpoena. Any failure  
11      to obey such order of the court may be punished by such  
12      court as a contempt thereof.

13       “(d) ACTIONS BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.—The  
14      Attorney General may bring an action in an appropriate  
15      district court of the United States for appropriate relief,  
16      including declaratory and injunctive, or divestment relief,  
17      against any person who violates this part or any regula-  
18      tion, order, direction, mitigation measure, prohibition, or  
19      other authorization or directive issued under this part.

20      **“SEC. 1785G. JUDICIAL REVIEW.**

21       “(a) RIGHT OF ACTION.—A claim or petition chal-  
22      lenging this part or any action, finding, or determination  
23      under this part may be filed only in the United States  
24      Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

1        “(b) EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION.—The United States  
2 Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit shall  
3 have exclusive jurisdiction over claims or petitions arising  
4 under this part against the United States, any agency, or  
5 any component or official of an agency, subject to review  
6 by the Supreme Court of the United States under section  
7 1254 of title 28, United States Code.

8        “(c) IN CAMERA AND EX PARTE REVIEW.—The fol-  
9 lowing information may be included in the administrative  
10 record and shall be submitted to the court only ex parte  
11 and in camera:

12            “(1) Sensitive security information, as defined  
13 in section 1520.5 of title 49, Code of Federal Regu-  
14 lations.

15            “(2) Records or information compiled for law  
16 enforcement purposes, as described in section  
17 552(b)(7) of title 5, United States Code.

18            “(3) Classified information, meaning any infor-  
19 mation or material that has been determined by the  
20 United States Government pursuant to an Executive  
21 order, statute, or regulation, to require protection  
22 against unauthorized disclosure for reasons of na-  
23 tional security and any restricted data, as defined in  
24 section 11 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42  
25 U.S.C. 2014).

1               “(4) Information subject to privilege or protec-  
2       tions under any other provision of law, including  
3       subchapter II of chapter 53 of title 31, United  
4       States Code.

5               “(d) INFORMATION UNDER SEAL.—Any information  
6       that is part of the administrative record filed ex parte and  
7       in camera under subsection (c), or cited by the court in  
8       any decision, shall be treated by the court consistent with  
9       the provisions of this section. In no event shall such infor-  
10      mation be released to the claimant or petitioner or as part  
11      of the public record.

12               “(e) RETURN OF ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD.—After  
13      the expiration of the time to seek further review, or the  
14      conclusion of further proceedings, the court shall return  
15      the administrative record, including any and all copies, to  
16      the United States.

17               “(f) EXCLUSIVE REMEDY.—A determination by the  
18      court under this section shall be the exclusive judicial rem-  
19      edy for any claim or petition for review challenging this  
20      part or any action, finding, or determination under this  
21      part against the United States, any agency, or any compo-  
22      nent or official of any such agency.

23               “(g) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-  
24      tion shall be construed as limiting, superseding, or pre-  
25      venting the invocation of, any privileges or defenses that

1 are otherwise available at law or in equity to protect  
2 against the disclosure of information.

3       “(h) STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS.—A challenge to any  
4 determination under this part may only be brought not  
5 later than 180 days after the date of such a determination.

6       **“SEC. 1785H. PENALTIES.**

7       “(a) UNLAWFUL ACTS.—It shall be unlawful for a  
8 person to violate, attempt to violate, conspire to violate,  
9 or cause a violation of any regulation, order, direction,  
10 prohibition, or other authorization or directive issued  
11 under this part.

12       “(b) CRIMINAL PENALTIES.—A person who willfully  
13 commits, willfully attempts to commit, or willfully con-  
14 spires to commit, or aids and abets in the commission of  
15 a violation of subsection (a) shall be fined not more than  
16 \$1,000,000 for each violation, imprisoned for not more  
17 than 20 years, or both.

18       “(c) CIVIL PENALTIES.—

19       “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may impose  
20 the following civil penalties on a person for each vio-  
21 lation by that person of a rule promulgated under  
22 this section:

23           “(A) A monetary penalty that is the great-  
24 er of—

25           “(i) \$250,000; or

1                         “(ii) an amount that is twice the value  
2                         of the action that is the basis of the viola-  
3                         tion with respect to which the penalty is  
4                         imposed.

5                         “(B) Revocation of any mitigation measure  
6                         or authorization issued under this part to the  
7                         person.

8                         “(C) A prohibition or other restriction on  
9                         the ability of the person to engage in any cov-  
10                         ered transaction or class of such transactions.

11                         “(2) PROCEDURES.—Any civil penalty imposed  
12                         under paragraph (1) may be imposed only pursuant  
13                         to a rule promulgated under this section.

14                         “(3) STANDARDS FOR LEVELS OF CIVIL PEN-  
15                         ALTY.—The Secretary may, by rule, provide stand-  
16                         ards for establishing levels of civil penalty under  
17                         paragraph (1) based upon factors, including—

18                         “(A) the seriousness of the violation;

19                         “(B) the culpability of the violator, includ-  
20                         ing any pattern of reckless behavior; and

21                         “(C) any mitigating factors, such as the  
22                         record of cooperation of the violator with the  
23                         Federal Government in disclosing the violation.

24                         “(d) PRE-PENALTY NOTICES; SETTLEMENTS.—

25                         “(1) PRE-PENALTY NOTICES.—

1                 “(A) IN GENERAL.—If the Secretary has  
2 reason to believe that there has occurred a vio-  
3 lation of subsection (a) and determines that a  
4 civil monetary penalty under subsection  
5 (c)(1)(A) is warranted, the Secretary shall issue  
6 a pre-penalty notice informing the alleged viola-  
7 tor of the intent of the Secretary to impose a  
8 monetary penalty. The Secretary shall consider  
9 any voluntary disclosures of a violation before  
10 issuing such notice.

11                 “(B) FORM OF NOTICE.—A pre-penalty  
12 notice issued under subparagraph (A) shall be  
13 in writing and issued either electronically or by  
14 mail to the alleged violator.

15                 “(C) EFFECTS OF ACTIONS OF OTHER  
16 AGENCIES.—A pre-penalty notice may be issued  
17 under subparagraph (A) whether or not an  
18 agency other than the Department of Com-  
19 merce has taken any action with respect to the  
20 matter.

21                 “(2) RESPONSES.—

22                 “(A) RIGHT TO RESPOND.—An alleged viola-  
23 tor may respond to a pre-penalty notice issued  
24 under paragraph (1)(A) in writing to the Sec-  
25 retary.

## 1               “(B) DEADLINE FOR RESPONSE.—

2               “(i) IN GENERAL.—An alleged viola-  
3               tor shall respond to a pre-penalty notice  
4               issued under paragraph (1)(A), except as  
5               provided by clause (ii), on or before the  
6               30th day after the date of the issuance of  
7               the notice. Failure to submit a response  
8               during the time required by the previous  
9               sentence shall be deemed to be a waiver of  
10               the right to respond.

11               “(ii) EXTENSIONS OF DEADLINE.—If  
12               the deadline under clause (i) for a response  
13               to a pre-penalty notice falls on a Federal  
14               holiday or weekend, that deadline shall be  
15               extended to the following business day.  
16               Any other extensions of the deadline shall  
17               be granted, at the discretion of the Sec-  
18               retary, only upon specific request to the  
19               Secretary.

20               “(C) FORM AND METHOD.—A response  
21               under subparagraph (A) to a pre-penalty notice  
22               need not be in any particular form, but it is re-  
23               quired to be typewritten and signed by the al-  
24               leged violator or a representative thereof, con-  
25               tain information sufficient to indicate that it is

1           in response to the pre-penalty notice, and in-  
2           clude the identification number listed on the  
3           pre-penalty notice. A digital signature is accept-  
4           able.

5           “(D) CONTENT.—Any response under sub-  
6           paragraph (A) to a pre-penalty notice is re-  
7           quired—

8                 “(i) to set forth in detail why the al-  
9                 leged violator either believes that a viola-  
10                 tion of subsection (a) did not occur or why  
11                 a civil monetary penalty under subsection  
12                 (c)(1)(A) is otherwise unwarranted under  
13                 the circumstances; and

14                 “(ii) to include all documentary or  
15                 other evidence available to the alleged vi-  
16                 lator that supports the arguments set forth  
17                 in the response.

18           “(3) REPRESENTATION.—A representative of  
19           the alleged violator may act on behalf of the alleged  
20           violator, but any oral communication with the Sec-  
21           retary prior to a written submission regarding the  
22           specific allegations contained in the pre-penalty no-  
23           tice is required to be preceded by a written letter of  
24           representation, unless the pre-penalty notice was

1 served upon the alleged violator in care of the  
2 representative.

3 “(4) SETTLEMENT.—Settlement discussions  
4 may be initiated by the Secretary, the alleged viola-  
5 tor, or the alleged violator’s authorized representa-  
6 tive.

7 “(e) PENALTY IMPOSITION.—

8 “(1) IN GENERAL.—If, after considering any  
9 written response to a pre-penalty notice under sub-  
10 section (d)(2) and any relevant facts, including vol-  
11 untary disclosure of a violation of subsection (a), the  
12 Secretary determines that there was a violation by  
13 the alleged violator named in the pre-penalty notice  
14 and that a civil monetary penalty under subsection  
15 (c)(1)(A) is appropriate, the Secretary may issue a  
16 penalty notice to the violator containing a deter-  
17 mination of the violation and the imposition of the  
18 monetary penalty.

19 “(2) FINAL AGENCY ACTION.—The issuance of  
20 the penalty notice shall constitute final agency ac-  
21 tion for purposes of review under section 704 of title  
22 5, United States Code.

23 “(3) JUDICIAL REVIEW.—The violator may seek  
24 judicial review of that final agency action under sec-  
25 tion 1785G.

1   **“SEC. 1785I. RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER LAWS.**

2       “(a) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION RELATING TO OTHER  
3 LAW.—Nothing in this part shall be construed to alter or  
4 affect any other authority, process, regulation, investiga-  
5 tion, enforcement measure, or review provided by or estab-  
6 lished under any other provision of Federal law.

7       “(b) PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT EXCEPTION.—  
8 The requirements of chapter 35 of title 44, United States  
9 Code (commonly referred to as the ‘Paperwork Reduction  
10 Act’), shall not apply to any action by the Secretary to  
11 implement this part.

12       “(c) COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN THE  
13 UNITED STATES.—Nothing in this part shall prevent or  
14 preclude the President or the Committee on Foreign In-  
15 vestment in the United States from exercising any author-  
16 ity under section 721 of the Defense Production Act of  
17 1950 (50 U.S.C. 4565 et seq.) as would be available in  
18 the absence of this part.

19       “(d) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION FOR THE OICTS.—  
20 Nothing in this part may be construed as altering any of  
21 the authority of the Office of Information and Commu-  
22 nications Technology and Services under Executive Order  
23 13873 (50 U.S.C. 1701 note; relating to securing the in-  
24 formation and communications technology and services  
25 supply chain) and Executive Order 14034 (50 U.S.C.

1 1701 note; relating to protecting Americans' sensitive data  
2 from foreign adversaries).".

3 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS TO EXPORT CON-  
4 TROL REFORM ACT OF 2018.—

5 (1) DEFINITION OF UNITED STATES PERSON.—  
6 Section 1742(13)(A) of the Export Control Reform  
7 Act of 2018 (50 U.S.C. 4801(13)(1)) is amended, in  
8 the matter preceding clause (i), by striking "part I"  
9 and inserting "parts I and IV".

10 (2) ANNUAL REPORT.—Section 1765(a) of the  
11 Export Control Reform Act of 2018 (50 U.S.C.  
12 4824(a)) is amended—

13 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),  
14 by inserting "and part IV" after "this part";

15 (B) in paragraph (8), by striking ";" and"  
16 and inserting a semicolon;

17 (C) in paragraph (9), by striking the pe-  
18 riod and inserting ";" and"; and

19 (D) by adding at the end the following:

20 "(10) a summary of how authorities under part  
21 IV are being used to ensure that entities of concern  
22 (as defined in section 1785) cannot undercut United  
23 States export controls by acquiring sensitive tech-  
24 nology within the United States.".

(3) ASSISTANT SECRETARIES OF COMMERCE.—

2       Section 1782(a) of the Export Control Reform Act  
3       of 2018 (50 U.S.C. 4852(a)) is amended—

(B) by striking the period at the end and  
inserting “; and”; and

9 (C) by adding at the end the following:

“(2) one Assistant Secretary of Commerce to assist the Under Secretary in carrying out part IV.”.

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