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Mr. BALDERSON (for himself, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, and Mr. TAYLOR) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union,  
and ordered to be printed

# **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 “Compressed Gas Cyl-  
5       inder Safety and Oversight Improvements Act of 2025”.

6       **SEC. 2. REGULATION OF FOREIGN MANUFACTURERS OF**  
7                   **CYLINDERS USED IN TRANSPORTING HAZ-**  
8                   **ARDOUS MATERIALS.**

9       (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

10           (1) CYLINDER.—The term “cylinder” means  
11           any cylinder specified under any of sections 178.36  
12           through 178.68 of title 49, Code of Federal Regula-  
13           tions (or successor regulations).

14           (2) FOREIGN MANUFACTURER OF CYLINDERS;  
15           FMOC.—The term “foreign manufacturer of cyl-  
16           inders” or “FMOC” means an entity that manufac-  
17           tures cylinders outside of the United States that are  
18           intended to be represented, marked, certified, or sold  
19           as qualified for use in transporting a hazardous ma-  
20           terial in commerce in the United States.

21           (3) IN GOOD STANDING.—The term “in good  
22           standing”, with respect to an FMOC, means that  
23           the FMOC—

1 (A) is approved by the Secretary pursuant  
2 to section 107.807 of title 49, Code of Federal  
3 Regulations (or a successor regulation); and

4 (B) has demonstrated 3 years of compli-  
5 ance with—

6 (i) part 107 of title 49, Code of Fed-  
7 eral Regulations (or successor regulations);  
8 and

9 (ii) chapter 51 of title 49, United  
10 States Code.

11 (4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
12 the Secretary of Transportation.

13 (b) APPROVAL OF FOREIGN MANUFACTURERS OF  
14 CYLINDERS.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall promul-  
16 gate regulations to provide that an approval pro-  
17 vided to an FMOC pursuant to section 107.807 of  
18 title 49, Code of Federal Regulations (or a successor  
19 regulation), shall be for a period of not longer than  
20 1 year, except as provided under paragraph (2).

21 (2) 5-YEAR APPROVAL.—The Secretary may  
22 provide a 5-year approval of an FMOC pursuant to  
23 section 107.807 of title 49, Code of Federal Regula-  
24 tions (or a successor regulation), if the following re-  
25 quirements are met:

1 (A) The FMOC attests that none of the  
2 cylinders made by the FMOC are prohibited  
3 from entry to the United States under section  
4 307 of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C.  
5 1307).

6 (B) The FMOC certifies that—

7 (i) the information provided pursuant  
8 to subsection (e) is accurate; and

9 (ii) the FMOC has a proactive respon-  
10 sibility to inform the Secretary if any such  
11 information materially changes.

12 (C) The Secretary determines that the  
13 FMOC is in good standing.

14 (3) FACILITY INSPECTIONS.—

15 (A) DEFINITION OF OBSTRUCTS.—In this  
16 paragraph, the term “obstructs” means taking  
17 actions that are known, or reasonably should be  
18 known, to prevent, hinder, or impede an inspec-  
19 tion.

20 (B) PENALTIES.—The Secretary may sus-  
21 pend or terminate an approval of an FMOC if  
22 the FMOC obstructs or prevents the Secretary  
23 from carrying out an inspection under section  
24 107.807(c) of title 49, Code of Federal Regula-  
25 tions (or a successor regulation).

1           (4) INTERACTION WITH OTHER STATUTES,  
2       AGREEMENTS, REGULATIONS.—Nothing in this sec-  
3       tion may be construed to prevent the harmonization  
4       of cylinder standards otherwise authorized by law.

5           (5) OTHER CAUSE FOR SUSPENSION OR TERMI-  
6       NATION.—The Secretary may suspend or terminate  
7       an approval of an FMOC on determination that the  
8       FMOC knowingly or intentionally misrepresented re-  
9       sponses to the Secretary required by law, including  
10      under subsection (e).

11      (c) REEVALUATION BY REQUEST FOR RELATED VIO-  
12      LATIONS.—

13           (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after  
14      the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
15      shall promulgate such regulations as are necessary  
16      to establish a process, as determined by the Sec-  
17      retary, for any interested party to request a reevalu-  
18      ation of the approval of FMOC cylinders under sec-  
19      tion 107.807 of title 49, Code of Federal Regula-  
20      tions (or a successor regulation), to review the accu-  
21      racy and safety of the actions of the FMOC.

22           (2) PETITION FOR REEVALUATION.—The regu-  
23      lations promulgated under paragraph (1) shall allow  
24      an interested party to file a petition if that party  
25      has evidence of inaccurate, changed, or fraudulent

1       attestations or responses made by an FMOC to the  
2       Secretary under subsection (e).

3       (d) NOTICE AND COMMENT FOR APPLICATIONS BY  
4 FOREIGN MANUFACTURERS OF CYLINDERS.—On receipt  
5 of an application for approval under section 107.807 of  
6 title 49, Code of Federal Regulations (or a successor regu-  
7 lation), the Secretary shall—

8           (1) timely publish notification of the application  
9       on the website of the Pipeline and Hazardous Mate-  
10      rials Safety Administration; and

11          (2) provide 30 days for public comment on the  
12      application prior to approval.

13      (e) ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS TO ENSURE SAFETY  
14 AND COMPLIANCE WITH DOT PROCESSES.—

15          (1) ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS.—The Secretary  
16      shall require, as part of an application for approval  
17      pursuant to section 107.807 of title 49, Code of  
18      Federal Regulations (or a successor regulation), that  
19      the applicant answer the following questions:

20           (A) Whether the FMOC applying, or any  
21      entity controlling more than 10 percent of that  
22      FMOC, has ever been subject to a civil mone-  
23      etary penalty under title 49, United States Code,  
24      relating to any actions carried out as an ap-

1           proved FMOC or during the application for ap-  
2           proval under that section.

3           (B) Whether the FMOC applying, or any  
4           entity controlling more than 10 percent of that  
5           FMOC, has been delinquent in the payment of  
6           any civil monetary penalties or other fines or  
7           fees under title 49, United States Code.

8           (C) Whether the FMOC applying, or any  
9           entity controlling more than 10 percent of that  
10          FMOC, is subject to the Do Not Pay Initiative  
11          established under section 3354 of title 31,  
12          United States Code, as of the date of the appli-  
13          cation.

14          (D) Whether the FMOC applying, or any  
15          entity controlling more than 10 percent of that  
16          FMOC, is listed in the Military End User List  
17          of the Department of Commerce as of the date  
18          of the application.

19          (E) Whether the FMOC applying, or any  
20          entity controlling more than 10 percent of that  
21          FMOC, is identified by the Department of De-  
22          fense as an entity listed under section 1237 of  
23          the Strom Thurmond National Defense Author-  
24          ization Act for Fiscal Year 1999 (50 U.S.C.



1 1701 note; Public Law 105–261) as of the date  
2 of application.

3 (F) Whether the FMOC applying, or any  
4 entity controlling more than 10 percent of that  
5 FMOC, has been found guilty of a criminal  
6 penalty or assessed a civil penalty under section  
7 1760 of division A of the John S. McCain Na-  
8 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal  
9 Year 2019 (50 U.S.C. 4819).

10 (G) Whether the FMOC applying, or any  
11 entity controlling more than 10 percent of that  
12 FMOC, is subject to a final antidumping or  
13 countervailing duty order from the Department  
14 of Commerce as of the date of application.

15 (2) DENIAL OF APPLICATION.—The Secretary  
16 may deny under section 107.709 of title 49, Code of  
17 Federal Regulations (or a successor regulation), an  
18 application for approval under section 107.807 of  
19 that title (or a successor regulation) based on the re-  
20 sponses to the questions required under paragraph  
21 (1).

22 (f) FOREIGN MANUFACTURERS LISTING APPROV-  
23 ALS.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment  
24 of this Act, and annually thereafter, the Secretary shall  
25 publish and maintain on the website of the Pipeline and

1 Hazardous Materials Safety Administration a list of ap-  
2 proved foreign manufacturers of cylinders and the dura-  
3 tion of those approvals.

4 (g) AUTHORIZING FOREIGN INSPECTIONS.—Not  
5 later than 18 months after the date of enactment of this  
6 Act, the Secretary shall revise section 107.807(d) of title  
7 49, Code of Federal Regulations—

8 (1) to require that in any case in which the  
9 Secretary determines there is good cause, an inspec-  
10 tion under that section shall be carried out annually  
11 for such duration as the Secretary determines appro-  
12 priate;

13 (2) to specify that a refusal of inspection under  
14 that section shall result in a loss of the status of in  
15 good standing;

16 (3) to allow the Secretary to request, at the dis-  
17 cretion of the Secretary—

18 (A) production of test and production  
19 records; and

20 (B) random sample testing; and

21 (4) to allow for the recovery of all associated  
22 costs of foreign inspections to include travel, time,  
23 and other costs, as determined by the Secretary.