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To require a review of whether individuals or entities subject to the imposition of certain sanctions through inclusion on certain sanctions lists should also be subject to the imposition of other sanctions and included on other sanctions lists.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WALTZ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Sanctions Lists Har-
5 monization Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENTS TO INCLUDE INDIVIDUALS AND EN-**
2 **TITIES SUBJECT TO UNITED STATES SANC-**
3 **TIONS ON CERTAIN OTHER SANCTIONS LISTS.**

4 (a) NOTIFICATION TO OTHER FEDERAL OFFI-
5 CIALS.—Not later than 30 days after the date on which
6 an individual or entity is included on one of the lists de-
7 scribed in subsection (d), the Federal official responsible
8 for administering such list shall notify the Federal officials
9 responsible for administering the other lists described in
10 subsection (d) of the inclusion of the individual or entity
11 on such list.

12 (b) DETERMINATION AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS
13 OF OTHER FEDERAL OFFICIAL.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after
15 the date on which a Federal official receives a notifi-
16 cation under subsection (a) of the inclusion of an in-
17 dividual or entity on one of the lists described in
18 subsection (d), such Federal official shall—

19 (A) conduct a review and make a deter-
20 mination of whether to include such individual
21 or entity on such other lists; and

22 (B) make available to the public, including
23 by publishing in the Federal Register, the de-
24 termination made under subparagraph (A).

25 (2) ADVANCE CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICA-
26 TION.—

1 (A) IN GENERAL.—In the case of a deter-
2 mination under paragraph (1)(A) not to include
3 an individual or entity on such other lists, the
4 Federal official shall, not later than 7 days
5 after making the determination, submit the de-
6 termination to the appropriate congressional
7 committees, including a justification for why
8 the individual or entity did not meet the eligi-
9 bility criteria for inclusion on such other list.

10 (B) FORM.—A notification required under
11 this paragraph shall be submitted in unclassi-
12 fied form, but may contain a classified annex.

13 (3) ADDITIONAL REVIEW.—In the case of a de-
14 termination under paragraph (1)(A) not to include
15 an individual or entity on such other lists, the Fed-
16 eral official shall, not later than 1 year after making
17 the determination, conduct an additional review to
18 determine if the individual or entity should be in-
19 cluded on such other lists, particularly if there is a
20 material change in the activities of the individual or
21 entity.

22 (c) CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATIONS FOR DETER-
23 MINATIONS NOT TO LIST NEW INDIVIDUALS AND ENTI-
24 TIES.—

25 (1) NOTIFICATION TO CONGRESS.—

1 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days
2 after the date on which a Federal agency, de-
3 partment, or office first conducts deliberations
4 regarding the designation of a new individual or
5 entity on any list described in subsection (d)
6 and determines not to designate that individual
7 or entity, the Federal official responsible for ad-
8 ministering such list shall notify the appro-
9 priate congressional committees of such nega-
10 tive determination and include with such notifi-
11 cation—

12 (i) an identification of the nondes-
13 igned individual or entity by name;

14 (ii) an articulation of the reasons that
15 the individual or entity was initially consid-
16 ered for designation; and

17 (iii) a full explanation and justifica-
18 tion for the subsequent determination that
19 the individual or entity did not meet the
20 eligibility criteria for designation on the
21 applicable list.

22 (B) FORM.—A notification required under
23 this paragraph shall be submitted in unclassi-
24 fied form, but may contain a classified annex.

1 (2) DELIBERATION DEFINED.—For purposes of
2 the notifications under this subsection, the term “de-
3 liberation” includes any meeting where a Federal
4 Government official with the power to place an indi-
5 vidual or an entity on one of the lists described in
6 section 2(c) reviews the potential designation with
7 one or more executive branch counterparts for a con-
8 clusive decision.

9 (d) LISTS DESCRIBED.—The lists described in this
10 subsection are the following:

11 (1) The list of specially designated nationals
12 and blocked persons maintained by the Office of
13 Foreign Assets Control of the Department of the
14 Treasury.

15 (2) The list maintained and set forth in Supple-
16 ment No. 4 to part 744 of the Export Administra-
17 tion Regulations (commonly known as the “Entity
18 List”).

19 (3) The Department of Defense’s list main-
20 tained and published under section 1237 of the
21 Strom Thurmond National Defense Authorization
22 Act for Fiscal Year 1999 (50 U.S.C. 1701 note).

23 (4) The Department of Defense’s list main-
24 tained and published under 1260H of the William

1 M. (Mae) Thornberry National Defense Authoriza-
2 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (10 U.S.C. 113 note).

3 (5) The Non-SDN Chinese Military-Industrial
4 Complex Companies (NS–CMIC) List of the Office
5 of Foreign Assets Control of the Department of the
6 Treasury.

7 (6) The Sectoral Sanctions List of the Office of
8 Foreign Assets Control of the Department of the
9 Treasury.

10 (7) The Unverified List of the Bureau of Indus-
11 try and Security of the Department of Commerce.

12 (8) The Military End User List of the Bureau
13 of Industry and Security of the Department of Com-
14 merce.

15 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

16 (1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
17 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-
18 mittees” means—

19 (A) the Committee on Armed Services, the
20 Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence,
21 the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and the
22 Committee on Financial Services of the House
23 of Representatives; and

24 (B) the Committee on Armed Services, the
25 Select Committee on Intelligence, the Com-

1 committee on Foreign Relations, and the Com-
2 mittee on Finance of the Senate.

3 (2) EXPORT ADMINISTRATION REGULATIONS.—

4 The term “Export Administration Regulations”
5 means the regulations set forth in subchapter C of
6 chapter VII of title 15, Code of Federal Regulations,
7 or successor regulations.

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