

Amendment to H.R. 5300

Offered by Mr. Schneider of Illinois

At the appropriate place in the bill, insert the following:

**SEC. __. REDUCTION OF NON-TARIFF BARRIERS TO TRADE AMONG
NORMALIZATION PARTNERS.**

(a) The Secretary of State, acting through the Assistant Secretary for Economic and Business Affairs and in coordination with the appropriate Assistant United States Trade Representative and the Under Secretary of Agriculture for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs, shall—

(1) consistent with Division Z of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117–103), titled the Israel Relations Normalization Act of 2022 (22 U.S.C. 8601 note), engage with governments that are signatories to the Abraham Accords or other normalization agreements with Israel to encourage reduction of non-tariff barriers to intra-regional trade, including sanitary and phytosanitary measures, in order to expand trade among such governments and with international partners;

(2) promote regulatory alignment by such governments with relevant international standards, including those established under the WTO Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures and the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade; and

(3) support development of intraregional trade arrangements that facilitate agricultural exports and imports among such governments, provided that nothing in this section shall be construed to amend, alter, or supersede any law, regulation, or standard of the United States.

(b) Activities under this section shall be implemented in compliance with the Bumpers Amendment (7 U.S.C. 1736r), including the prohibition on using United States resources to support adoption of standards or measures that reduce exports of agricultural commodities produced in the United States.

(c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to authorize the Department of State to negotiate or conclude trade agreements, which authority remains vested in the United States Trade Representative pursuant to section 141 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2171).