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# H. R. 4233

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 27, 2025

Mrs. KIM (for herself, Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania, and Mr. ZINKE) introduced  
the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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## A BILL

To modify provisions relating to defense trade and coopera-  
tion among Australia, the United Kingdom, and the  
United States.

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 “AUKUS Reform for  
5 Military Optimization and Review Act” or the “ARMOR  
6 Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

8 It is the sense of Congress that the President should  
9 work with the governments of the United Kingdom and  
10 Australia to formulate policy that would address matters

1 of extraterritoriality, which may present inefficiencies in  
2 defense repair, maintenance, and sustainment among Aus-  
3 tralia, the United Kingdom, and the United States for de-  
4 fense articles and services not on the excluded technology  
5 list.

6 **SEC. 3. MODIFICATION OF PROVISIONS RELATING TO DE-**  
7 **FENSE TRADE AND COOPERATION AMONG**  
8 **AUSTRALIA, THE UNITED KINGDOM, AND THE**  
9 **UNITED STATES.**

10 (a) EXPANSION OF EXPEDITED REVIEW OF EXPORT  
11 LICENSES.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1344(c) of the Na-  
13 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year  
14 2024 (22 U.S.C. 10423(c)) is amended—

15 (A) by striking “classified and unclassified  
16 items, and the process” and inserting “classi-  
17 fied and unclassified items, and apply to all ex-  
18 ports and transfers (including reexports, re-  
19 transfers, temporary imports, and brokering ac-  
20 tivities), wholly within or between the geographic  
21 territory of Australia, Canada, the United  
22 Kingdom, or the United States, and the proc-  
23 ess”; and

24 (B) in paragraph (1), by striking “Any li-  
25 censing application to export defense articles

1 and services” and inserting “Any licensing ap-  
2 plication to transfer, export, reexport, re-  
3 transfer, temporarily import, or broker defense  
4 articles and services wholly within or between  
5 the geographic territory of Australia, Canada,  
6 the United Kingdom, or the United States”.

7 (2) REPORT.—

8 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180  
9 days after the date of the enactment of this  
10 Act, and annually thereafter for 15 years, the  
11 President shall submit to the Chairpersons and  
12 Ranking Members of the appropriate congres-  
13 sional committees, the Speaker of the House of  
14 Representatives, and the Majority Leader of the  
15 Senate a report with respect to the use of the  
16 expedited review process established by section  
17 1344 of the National Defense Authorization Act  
18 for Fiscal Year 2024 (22 U.S.C. 10423), that  
19 includes the following:

20 (i) An update on the progress made  
21 toward implementing such expedited review  
22 process.

23 (ii) The number of licenses issued.

24 (iii) A list of each principal applicant  
25 issued a license.

1 (iv) A list of defense articles and serv-  
2 ices for which a license was issued.

3 (B) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COM-  
4 MITTEES DEFINED.—In this paragraph, the  
5 term “appropriate congressional committees”  
6 means the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the  
7 House of Representatives and the Committee  
8 on Foreign Relations of the Senate.

9 (b) CLARIFICATION OF CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICA-  
10 TION REQUIREMENT.—Section 38(l)(2) of the Arms Ex-  
11 port Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2778(l)(2)) is amended by  
12 striking “the United States, the United Kingdom, and  
13 Australia.” and inserting “the United States, the United  
14 Kingdom, and Australia. The congressional notification  
15 requirements of subsections (c) and (d) of section 36 shall  
16 not apply with respect to the export or transfer of defense  
17 articles or defense services subject to the exemption de-  
18 scribed in this paragraph.”

19 (c) REQUIREMENT TO REVIEW EXCLUDED TECH-  
20 NOLOGIES LIST.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State, in  
22 consultation with the Secretary of Defense, shall re-  
23 view, annually for the covered period, and every 3  
24 years thereafter, Supplement No. 2 to part 126 of  
25 the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (parts

1       120–130 of title 22, Code of Federal Regula-  
2       tions)(commonly known at the “Excluded Tech-  
3       nologies List”) to ensure inclusion of only those  
4       items required by statute, or otherwise determined  
5       by such Secretaries, to require continued licensing  
6       review for national security reasons.

7           (2) COVERED PERIOD DEFINED.—In this sub-  
8       section, the term “covered period” means the 5-year  
9       period beginning 180 days after the date of the en-  
10      actment of this Act.

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