

118TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

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To amend the Animal Health Protection Act to improve the prevention of the spread of animal diseases, and for other purposes.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BRAUN (for himself and Ms. SMITH) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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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 “Safe American Food  
5 Exports Act of 2023” or the “SAFE Act of 2023”.

6 **SEC. 2. ENGAGEMENT WITH KEY EXPORT MARKETS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 10405 of the Animal  
8 Health Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 8304) is amended—

9 (1) by redesignating subsection (d) as sub-  
10 section (e); and

1           (2) by inserting after subsection (c) the fol-  
2           lowing:

3           “(d) ENGAGEMENT WITH KEY EXPORT MARKETS.—

4           “ (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting  
5           through the Administrator of the Animal and Plant  
6           Health Inspection Service and the Under Secretary  
7           of Agriculture for Trade and Foreign Agricultural  
8           Affairs, in coordination with the Administrator of  
9           the Food Safety and Inspection Service, may pre-  
10          emptively negotiate, to the extent practicable, re-  
11          gionalization agreements regarding outbreaks of  
12          known animal disease threats with the governments  
13          of countries with key export markets for any animal,  
14          article, or associated means of conveyance from the  
15          United States.

16          “(2) RESEARCH.—A negotiation carried out  
17          under paragraph (1) is encouraged to take into ac-  
18          count accepted global research advances.”.

19          (b) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-  
20          tion—

21                 (1) limits the ability of the Secretary of Agri-  
22                 culture to negotiate trade agreements; or

23                 (2) requires the Secretary of Agriculture to con-  
24                 dition other trade agreements on the inclusion of  
25                 language relating to regionalization as described in

1 subsection (d)(1) of section 10405 of the Animal  
2 Health Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 3804).

3 **SEC. 3. EXPORT LIBRARY ADMINISTRATION.**

4 The Secretary of Agriculture shall promulgate a reg-  
5 ulation to require that, in the case of any language re-  
6 moved from the Import and Export Library of the Food  
7 Safety and Inspection Service, the Administrator of the  
8 Food Safety and Inspection Service shall directly notify  
9 each State department of agriculture, each lead State  
10 agency for animal disease, and any entity that petitioned  
11 for the inclusion of that language of such removal not later  
12 than 3 days after such removal.