

title I of the Tariff Act of 1930, act June 17, 1930, ch. 497, title I, 46 Stat. 590. See note set out preceding section 1202 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Subsecs. (b) and (d) effective Aug. 23, 1988, and subsec. (c) effective Jan. 1, 1989, see section 1217(a), (b)(2) of Pub. L. 100-418, set out as a note under section 3001 of this title.

§ 3005. Commission review of, and recommendations regarding, Harmonized Tariff Schedule

(a) In general

The Commission shall keep the Harmonized Tariff Schedule under continuous review and periodically, at such time as amendments to the Convention are recommended by the Customs Cooperation Council for adoption, and as other circumstances warrant, shall recommend to the President such modifications in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule as the Commission considers necessary or appropriate—

- (1) to conform the Harmonized Tariff Schedule with amendments made to the Convention;
- (2) to promote the uniform application of the Convention and particularly the Annex thereto;
- (3) to ensure that the Harmonized Tariff Schedule is kept up-to-date in light of changes in technology or in patterns of international trade;
- (4) to alleviate unnecessary administrative burdens; and
- (5) to make technical rectifications.

(b) Agency and public views regarding recommendations

In formulating recommendations under subsection (a), the Commission shall solicit, and give consideration to, the views of interested Federal agencies and the public. For purposes of obtaining public views, the Commission—

- (1) shall give notice of the proposed recommendations and afford reasonable opportunity for interested parties to present their views in writing; and
- (2) may provide for a public hearing.

(c) Submission of recommendations

The Commission shall submit recommendations under this section to the President in the form of a report that shall include a summary of the information on which the recommendations were based, together with a statement of the probable economic effect of each recommended change on any industry in the United States. The report also shall include a copy of all written views submitted by interested Federal agencies and a copy or summary, prepared by the Commission, of the views of all other interested parties.

(d) Requirements regarding recommendations

The Commission may not recommend any modification to the Harmonized Tariff Schedule unless the modification meets the following requirements:

- (1) The modification must—
 - (A) be consistent with the Convention or any amendment thereto recommended for adoption;
 - (B) be consistent with sound nomenclature principles; and

(C) ensure substantial rate neutrality.

(2) Any change to a rate of duty must be consequent to, or necessitated by, nomenclature modifications that are recommended under this section.

(3) The modification must not alter existing conditions of competition for the affected United States industry, labor, or trade.

(Pub. L. 100-418, title I, §1205, Aug. 23, 1988, 102 Stat. 1150.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Harmonized Tariff Schedule, referred to in subsecs. (a) and (d), is not set out in the Code. See Publication of Harmonized Tariff Schedule note set out under section 1202 of this title.

COMMISSION REPORT ON OPERATION OF IMPLEMENTATION OF HARMONIZED TARIFF SCHEDULE

Section 1216 of Pub. L. 100-418 required Commission, in consultation with other appropriate Federal agencies, to prepare and submit to Congress and President a report regarding operation of subtitle B (§§1201-1217) of title I of Pub. L. 100-418, during the 12-month period commencing on effective date of Harmonized Tariff Schedule, Jan. 1, 1989, said report to be submitted to Congress and President before close of 6-month period beginning on day after last day of such 12-month period.

§ 3006. Presidential action on Commission recommendations

(a) In general

The President may proclaim modifications, based on the recommendations by the Commission under section 3005 of this title, to the Harmonized Tariff Schedule if the President determines that the modifications—

- (1) are in conformity with United States obligations under the Convention; and
- (2) do not run counter to the national economic interest of the United States.

(b) Lay-over period

(1) The President may proclaim a modification under subsection (a) only after the expiration of the 60-day period beginning on the date on which the President submits a report to the Committee on Ways and Means of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Finance of the Senate that sets forth the proposed modification and the reasons therefor.

(2) The 60-day period referred to in paragraph (1) shall be computed by excluding—

(A) the days on which either House is not in session because of an adjournment of more than 3 days to a day certain or an adjournment of the Congress sine die; and

(B) any Saturday and Sunday, not excluded under subparagraph (A), when either House is not in session.

(c) Effective date of modifications

Modifications proclaimed by the President under subsection (a) may not take effect before the 30th day after the date on which the text of the proclamation is published in the Federal Register.

(Pub. L. 100-418, title I, §1206, Aug. 23, 1988, 102 Stat. 1151; Pub. L. 109-432, div. D, title III, §3012, Dec. 20, 2006, 120 Stat. 3177.)