

## LIMITATION ON MEAT IMPORTS

Pub. L. 88-482, § 2, Aug. 22, 1964, 78 Stat. 594, as amended by Pub. L. 96-177, Dec. 31, 1979, 93 Stat. 1291; Pub. L. 100-418, title I, § 1214(u), Aug. 23, 1988, 102 Stat. 1162; Pub. L. 100-449, title III, § 301(b), Sept. 28, 1988, 102 Stat. 1867; Pub. L. 103-182, title III, § 321(a), Dec. 8, 1993, 107 Stat. 2108, provided that this section was to be cited as the "Meat Import Act of 1979", defined terms for purposes of this section, limited with exception the aggregate quantity of meat articles which could enter the country in any calendar year after 1979, provided for adjustment of aggregate quantity for calendar years after 1979, required Secretary of Agriculture to estimate and publish yearly aggregate quantity, authorized President to increase or limit by proclamation the total quantity of meat articles entering this country under certain circumstances, and provided for suspension of such proclamations after providing notice in Federal Register and opportunity to comment, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 103-465, title IV, § 403, Dec. 8, 1994, 108 Stat. 4959, effective on the date of entry into force of the WTO Agreement with respect to the United States (Jan. 1, 1995).

**§ 2254. Monitoring, modification, and termination of action**

**(a) Monitoring**

(1) So long as any action taken under section 2253 of this title remains in effect, the Commission shall monitor developments with respect to the domestic industry, including the progress and specific efforts made by workers and firms in the domestic industry to make a positive adjustment to import competition.

(2) If the initial period during which the action taken under section 2253 of this title is in effect exceeds 3 years, or if an extension of such action exceeds 3 years, the Commission shall submit a report on the results of the monitoring under paragraph (1) to the President and to the Congress not later than the date that is the midpoint of the initial period, and of each such extension, during which the action is in effect.

(3) In the course of preparing each report under paragraph (2), the Commission shall hold a hearing at which interested persons shall be given a reasonable opportunity to be present, to produce evidence, and to be heard.

(4) Upon request of the President, the Commission shall advise the President of its judgment as to the probable economic effect on the industry concerned of any reduction, modification, or termination of the action taken under section 2253 of this title which is under consideration.

**(b) Reduction, modification, and termination of action**

(1) Action taken under section 2253 of this title may be reduced, modified, or terminated by the President (but not before the President receives the report required under subsection (a)(2)(A)) if the President—

(A) after taking into account any report or advice submitted by the Commission under subsection (a) and after seeking the advice of the Secretary of Commerce and the Secretary of Labor, determines, on the basis that either—

(i) the domestic industry has not made adequate efforts to make a positive adjustment to import competition, or

(ii) the effectiveness of the action taken under section 2253 of this title has been impaired by changed economic circumstances,

that changed circumstances warrant such reduction, or termination; or

(B) determines, after a majority of the representatives of the domestic industry submits to the President a petition requesting such reduction, modification, or termination on such basis, that the domestic industry has made a positive adjustment to import competition.

(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), the President is authorized to take such additional action under section 2253 of this title as may be necessary to eliminate any circumvention of any action previously taken under such section.

(3) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), the President may, after receipt of a Commission determination under section 3538(a)(4) of this title and consulting with the Committee on Ways and Means of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Finance of the Senate, reduce, modify, or terminate action taken under section 2253 of this title.

**(c) Extension of action**

(1) Upon request of the President, or upon petition on behalf of the industry concerned filed with the Commission not earlier than the date which is 9 months, and not later than the date which is 6 months, before the date any action taken under section 2253 of this title is to terminate, the Commission shall investigate to determine whether action under section 2253 of this title continues to be necessary to prevent or remedy serious injury and whether there is evidence that the industry is making a positive adjustment to import competition.

(2) The Commission shall publish notice of the commencement of any proceeding under this subsection in the Federal Register and shall, within a reasonable time thereafter, hold a public hearing at which the Commission shall afford interested parties and consumers an opportunity to be present, to present evidence, and to respond to the presentations of other parties and consumers, and otherwise to be heard.

(3) The Commission shall transmit to the President a report on its investigation and determination under this subsection not later than 60 days before the action under section 2253 of this title is to terminate, unless the President specifies a different date.

**(d) Evaluation of effectiveness of action**

(1) After any action taken under section 2253 of this title has terminated, the Commission shall evaluate the effectiveness of the actions in facilitating positive adjustment by the domestic industry to import competition, consistent with the reasons set out by the President in the report submitted to the Congress under section 2253(b) of this title.

(2) During the course of the evaluation conducted under paragraph (1), the Commission shall, after reasonable public notice, hold a hearing on the effectiveness of the action. All interested persons shall have the opportunity to attend such hearing and to present evidence or testimony at such hearing.

(3) A report on the evaluation made under paragraph (1) and the hearings held under paragraph (2) shall be submitted by the Commission to the President and to the Congress by no later

than the 180th day after the day on which the actions taken under section 2253 of this title terminated.

**(e) Other provisions**

(1) Action by the President under this part may be taken without regard to the provisions of section 2136(a) of this title but only after consideration of the relation of such actions to the international obligations of the United States.

(2) If the Commission treats as the domestic industry production located in a major geographic area of the United States under section 2252(c)(4)(C) of this title, then the President shall take into account the geographic concentration of domestic production and of imports in that area in taking any action authorized under paragraph (1).

(Pub. L. 93-618, title II, §204, as added Pub. L. 100-418, title I, §1401(a), Aug. 23, 1988, 102 Stat. 1238; amended Pub. L. 100-647, title IX, §9001(a)(8), Nov. 10, 1988, 102 Stat. 3807; Pub. L. 103-465, title I, §129(a)(7), title III, §302(c), (d), Dec. 8, 1994, 108 Stat. 4837, 4936.)

AMENDMENTS

1994—Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 103-465, §302(c)(1), amended par. (2) generally. Prior to amendment, par. (2) read as follows: “The Commission shall submit a report on the results of the monitoring under paragraph (1) to the President and to the Congress not later than—

“(A) the 2nd-anniversary of the day on which the action under section 2253 of this title first took effect; and

“(B) the last day of each 2-year period occurring after the 2-year period referred to in subparagraph (A).”

Subsec. (a)(4). Pub. L. 103-465, §302(c)(2), struck out “extension,” before “reduction.”

Subsec. (b)(3). Pub. L. 103-465, §129(a)(7), added par. (3).

Subsecs. (c) to (e). Pub. L. 103-465, §302(d), added subsec. (c) and redesignated former subsecs. (c) and (d) as (d) and (e), respectively.

1988—Subsecs. (c) to (e). Pub. L. 100-647 redesignated subsecs. (d) and (e) as (c) and (d), respectively.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1994 AMENDMENT

Amendment by section 129(a)(7) of Pub. L. 103-465 effective on the date on which the WTO Agreement enters into force with respect to the United States [Jan. 1, 1995], see section 130 of Pub. L. 103-465, set out as an Effective Date note under section 3531 of this title.

Amendment by section 302(c), (d) of Pub. L. 103-465 effective on the date on which the WTO Agreement enters into force with respect to the United States [Jan. 1, 1995], see section 304(a) of Pub. L. 103-465, set out as a note under section 2252 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1988 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 100-647 applicable as if such amendment took effect on Aug. 23, 1988, see section 9001(b) of Pub. L. 100-647, set out as an Effective and Termination Dates of 1988 Amendments note under section 58c of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Aug. 23, 1988, and applicable with respect to investigations initiated under this part on or after that date, see section 1401(c) of Pub. L. 100-418, set out as an Effective Date of 1988 Amendment note under section 2251 of this title.

**§ 2255. Trade monitoring**

**(a) Monitoring tool for imports**

**(1) In general**

Not later than 180 days after February 24, 2016, the Commission shall make available on a website of the Commission an import monitoring tool to allow the public access to data on the volume and value of goods imported to the United States for the purpose of assessing whether such data has changed with respect to such goods over a period of time.

**(2) Data described**

For purposes of the monitoring tool under paragraph (1), the Commission shall use data compiled by the Department of Commerce and such other government data as the Commission considers appropriate.

**(3) Periods of time**

The Commission shall ensure that data accessed through the monitoring tool under paragraph (1) includes data for the most recent quarter for which such data are available and previous quarters as the Commission considers practicable.

**(b) Monitoring reports**

**(1) In general**

Not later than 270 days after February 24, 2016, and not less frequently than quarterly thereafter, the Secretary of Commerce shall publish on a website of the Department of Commerce, and notify the Committee on Finance of the Senate and the Committee on Ways and Means of the House of Representatives of the availability of, a monitoring report on changes in the volume and value of trade with respect to imports and exports of goods categorized based on the 6-digit sub-heading number of the goods under the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States during the most recent quarter for which such data are available and previous quarters as the Secretary considers practicable.

**(2) Requests for comment**

Not later than one year after February 24, 2016, the Secretary of Commerce shall solicit through the Federal Register public comment on the monitoring reports described in paragraph (1).

**(c) Sunset**

The requirements under this section terminate on the date that is seven years after February 24, 2016.

(Pub. L. 93-618, title II, §205, as added Pub. L. 114-125, title VI, §603(a), Feb. 24, 2016, 130 Stat. 185.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, referred to in subsec. (b)(1), is not set out in the Code. See Publication of Harmonized Tariff Schedule note set out under section 1202 of this title.

PART 2—ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE FOR WORKERS

EFFECTIVE AND TERMINATION DATES OF 2015 REVIVAL

Pub. L. 114-27, title IV, §402(b), (c), June 29, 2015, 129 Stat. 374, provided that: