

(1) for the development of natural gas and the construction and operation of a pipeline to transport natural gas from Azerbaijan to Turkey and Europe;

(2) that provides to Turkey and countries in Europe energy security and energy independence from the Government of the Russian Federation and other governments with jurisdiction over persons subject to sanctions imposed under this Act or amendments made by this Act; and

(3) that was initiated before August 10, 2012, pursuant to a production-sharing agreement, or an ancillary agreement necessary to further a production-sharing agreement, entered into with, or a license granted by, the government of a country other than Iran before August 10, 2012.

**(b) Termination of exception**

**(1) In general**

The exception under subsection (a) shall not apply with respect to a project described in that subsection on or after the date on which the President certifies to the appropriate congressional committees that—

(A) the percentage of the equity interest in the project held by or on behalf of an entity described in paragraph (2) has increased relative to the percentage of the equity interest in the project held by or on behalf of such an entity on January 1, 2002; or

(B) an entity described in paragraph (2) has assumed an operational role in the project.

**(2) Entity described**

An entity described in this paragraph is—

(A) an entity—

(i) owned or controlled by the Government of Iran or identified under section 560.304 of title 31, Code of Federal Regulations (relating to the definition of the Government of Iran); or

(ii) organized under the laws of Iran or with the participation or approval of the Government of Iran;

(B) an entity owned or controlled by an entity described in subparagraph (A); or

(C) a successor entity to an entity described in subparagraph (A).

(Pub. L. 112–158, title VI, § 603, Aug. 10, 2012, 126 Stat. 1264.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This Act, referred to in subsec. (a), is Pub. L. 112–158, Aug. 10, 2012, 126 Stat. 1214, known as the Iran Threat Reduction and Syria Human Rights Act of 2012, which is classified principally to this chapter. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 8701 of this title and Tables.

**§ 8784. Rule of construction with respect to use of force against Iran and Syria**

Nothing in this Act or the amendments made by this Act shall be construed as a declaration of war or an authorization of the use of force against Iran or Syria.

(Pub. L. 112–158, title VI, § 604, Aug. 10, 2012, 126 Stat. 1265.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This Act, referred to in text, is Pub. L. 112–158, Aug. 10, 2012, 126 Stat. 1214, known as the Iran Threat Reduc-

tion and Syria Human Rights Act of 2012, which is classified principally to this chapter. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 8701 of this title and Tables.

RULE OF CONSTRUCTION FOR SPECIFIC ACTS

Pub. L. 116–92, div. A, title XII, § 1284, Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 1708, provided that: “Nothing in this Act [see Tables for classification], or any amendment made by this Act, may be construed to authorize the use of military force, including the use of military force against Iran or any other country.”

Pub. L. 115–232, div. A, title XII, § 1295, Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 2088, provided that: “Nothing in this Act [see Tables for classification] may be construed to authorize the use of force against Iran or North Korea.”

Pub. L. 114–92, div. A, title XII, § 1235, Nov. 25, 2015, 129 Stat. 1059, provided that: “Nothing in this Act [see Tables for classification] shall be construed as authorizing the use of force against Iran.”

Pub. L. 113–291, div. A, title XII, § 1279, Dec. 19, 2014, 128 Stat. 3593, provided that: “Nothing in this Act [see Tables for classification] shall be construed as authorizing the use of force against Iran.”

Pub. L. 113–66, div. A, title XII, § 1252, Dec. 26, 2013, 127 Stat. 926, provided that: “Nothing in this Act [see Tables for classification] shall be construed as authorizing the use of force against Syria or Iran.”

Pub. L. 112–239, div. A, title XII, § 1234, Jan. 2, 2013, 126 Stat. 2004, provided that: “Nothing in this Act [see Tables for classification] shall be construed as authorizing the use of force against Iran.”

**§ 8785. Termination**

**(a) In general**

The provisions of sections 8721, 8722, 8723, 8725, 8726, 8727, and 8771 of this title, subchapter I, and subchapter III shall terminate on the date that is 30 days after the date on which the President makes the certification described in section 8551(a) of this title.

**(b) Omitted**

(Pub. L. 112–158, title VI, § 605, Aug. 10, 2012, 126 Stat. 1265.)

CODIFICATION

Section is comprised of section 605 of Pub. L. 112–158. Subsec. (b) of section 605 of Pub. L. 112–158 amended section 8551 of this title.

SUBCHAPTER VII—SANCTIONS WITH RESPECT TO HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES IN SYRIA

**§ 8791. Imposition of sanctions with respect to certain persons who are responsible for or complicit in human rights abuses committed against citizens of Syria or their family members**

**(a) In general**

The President shall impose sanctions described in subsection (c) with respect to each person on the list required by subsection (b).

**(b) List of persons who are responsible for or complicit in certain human rights abuses**

**(1) In general**

Not later than 120 days after August 10, 2012, the President shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a list of persons who are officials of the Government of Syria or persons acting on behalf of that Government that the President determines, based on