

1 “(1) COVERED GOODS.—The term ‘covered
2 goods’ means goods manufactured in the People’s
3 Republic of China.

4 “(2) SHIPPER.—The term ‘shipper’ has the
5 meaning given such term in section 40102 of this
6 title.”.

7 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
8 for chapter 605 of title 46, United States Code, is amend-
9 ed by adding at the end the following:

“60508. Importation on American ships.”.

10 **SEC. 416. PRIORITY FOR VESSELS OF THE UNITED STATES.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—Part D of subtitle V of title 46,
12 United States Code, is amended by inserting after chapter
13 553 the following:

14 **“CHAPTER 555—PRIORITY FOR VESSELS**
15 **OF THE UNITED STATES**

“Sec.

“55501. Priority for vessels of the United States.

16 **“§ 55501. Priority for vessels of the United States**

17 “(a) IN GENERAL.—A vessel of the United States
18 shall be given priority at any port in the United States,
19 ahead of a waiting vessel of a foreign country.

20 “(b) EXCEPTION.—Notwithstanding subsection (a),
21 if the Secretary of Transportation finds that it is in the
22 national interest, the Secretary may eliminate this priority
23 at any port. The Secretary shall report to the appropriate

1 committees of Congress, as defined in section 4 of the
2 SHIPS for America Act of 2024, by not later than 30
3 days after an action eliminating priority under this sec-
4 tion.”.

5 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of chapters
6 for subtitle V of title 46, United States Code, is amended
7 by adding at the end the following:

“555. Priority for vessels of the United States 55501”.

8 **SEC. 417. MOVING CARGO ON VESSELS OF THE UNITED**
9 **STATES.**

10 (a) ASSESSMENT REQUIRED.—Not later than 180
11 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Maritime
12 Security Advisor, in consultation with the Secretary of
13 Transportation, the Secretary of Commerce, the Chairman
14 of the Federal Maritime Commission, and the United
15 States Trade Representative, shall—

16 (1) conduct an assessment that identifies au-
17 thorities available under current Federal law, as of
18 the date of such identification, that may be utilized
19 to incentivize the movement of commercial cargo on
20 vessels of the United States in international com-
21 merce; and

22 (2) makes recommendations to the President to
23 utilize such authorities.

24 (b) INCLUSIONS.—The assessment required under
25 subsection (a) shall include an evaluation of—