

1 (A) How the covered regulations interact
2 with and compare to the treaty requirements
3 and regulations established by the International
4 Maritime Organization, including comparisons
5 and interactions on the basis of—

6 (i) safety;

7 (ii) cost;

8 (iii) enforceability and compliance;

9 and

10 (iv) international competitiveness.

11 (B) The benefits and challenges vessel
12 owners and operators and United States mari-
13 ners encounter when complying with both regu-
14 lations of the International Maritime Organiza-
15 tion and the covered regulations.

16 (C) The role that covered regulations play
17 in enhancing the size and strength of the mer-
18 chant marine and the domestic and inter-
19 national fleet of the United States.

20 (D) Recommended changes to covered reg-
21 ulations, and regulatory frameworks, to better
22 promote alignment with international standards
23 and the standards of countries that are allies
24 and partners, with a focus on—

1 (i) increasing opportunities for quali-
2 fied mariners that enter the merchant ma-
3 rine and reducing the barriers that lead
4 qualified mariners to leave the merchant
5 marine;

6 (ii) increasing the number of vessels
7 documented under the laws of the United
8 States that are operating in domestic and
9 foreign commerce;

10 (iii) enhancing United States leader-
11 ship within the International Maritime Or-
12 ganization and other international treaty
13 organizations with a focus on the maritime
14 industry;

15 (iv) streamlining regulatory processes
16 and processing timelines to minimize dupli-
17 cative reviews and eliminate preventable
18 delays; and

19 (v) maintaining and enhancing the
20 safety and security of the merchant ma-
21 rine.

22 (E) Recommended changes to covered reg-
23 ulations and regulatory frameworks that govern
24 mariner education training requirements, which
25 may include—

1 (i) expanding the pool of qualified in-
2 structors for mariner training programs;

3 (ii) streamlining requirements related
4 to training facility size and design to im-
5 prove operational efficiencies at mariner
6 training facilities, including requirements
7 related to classroom size and design;

8 (iii) standardizing and streamlining
9 training course and curriculum approval
10 and evaluation to provide more certainty to
11 mariner training programs; and

12 (iv) enhancing opportunities for mar-
13 iner training programs to flexibly integrate
14 sea-time into course instruction, consistent
15 with treaty requirements and regulations
16 established by the International Maritime
17 Organization.

18 (F) Any other matters the Secretary deter-
19 mines appropriate.

20 (2) REPORT.—Not later than 18 months after
21 the date of enactment of this Act, the rulemaking
22 committee shall submit to the Secretary a report
23 that includes the findings and recommended changes
24 to covered regulations of the rulemaking committee,
25 as required under paragraph (1).