

1 **SEC. 405. MODIFICATION TO DUTIES RELATING TO EQUIP-**
2 **MENT AND REPAIR OF VESSELS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 466 of the Tariff Act of
4 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1466) is amended—

5 (1) in subsection (a), in the first sentence, by
6 striking “50 per centum on the cost thereof in such
7 foreign country” and inserting “70 percent of the
8 cost thereof in such foreign country or, in the case
9 of a foreign country of concern (as defined in section
10 4 of the SHIPS for America Act of 2024), 200 per-
11 cent of the cost thereof in such country”; and

12 (2) by adding at the end the following:

13 “(i) During the period beginning on the date of enact-
14 ment of the SHIPS for America Act of 2024 and ending
15 on December 31, 2034, the duty imposed under subsection
16 (a) shall not apply to the cost of equipment, or any part
17 of equipment, purchased for, or expenses of repair parts
18 or materials to be used for, or repairs made in a foreign
19 country, unless such country is a foreign country of con-
20 cern (as defined in section 4 of the SHIPS for America
21 Act of 2024, on, a vessel engaged in foreign trade if the
22 Maritime Administrator confirms that—

23 “(1) the vessel—

24 “(A) is participating in—

1 “(i) the Maritime Security Fleet
2 under chapter 531 of title 46, United
3 States Code;

4 “(ii) the Cable Security Fleet under
5 chapter 532 of such title;

6 “(iii) the Tanker Security Fleet under
7 chapter 534 of such title; or

8 “(iv) the Strategic Commercial Fleet
9 under chapter 536 of such title; or

10 “(B) has a Voluntary Intermodal Sealift
11 Agreement or Voluntary Tanker Agreement
12 with the Maritime Administrator in effect; and
13 “(2) the owner or master of the vessel certifies
14 to the Maritime Administrator in writing that a
15 good faith effort was made to purchase equipment or
16 carry out repairs in a shipyard of the United
17 States.”.

18 (b) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not less than 2 years after
19 the date of enactment of this Act, and every 2 years there-
20 after through December 31, 2034, the Maritime Adminis-
21 trator shall submit to the appropriate committees of Con-
22 gress a report—

23 (1) describing the number of vessels that paid
24 the duties under section 466 of the Tariff Act of