

119TH CONGRESS
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To provide for the refund of duties imposed under the International
Emergency Economic Powers Act.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Mr. MARKEY) introduced the
following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

A BILL

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International Emergency Economic Powers Act.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Tariff Refund Act of
5 2026”.

6 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

7 It is the sense of Congress that—

8 (1) in light of the holding by the Supreme
9 Court that duties imposed under the International
10 Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701

1 et seq.) are unlawful, the Commissioner of U.S. Cus-
2 toms and Border Protection must pay refunds of
3 those unlawfully collected duties;

4 (2) the Commissioner should process those re-
5 funds as swiftly as possible and without imposing
6 additional requirements that disproportionately
7 hinder individuals and small businesses from obtain-
8 ing refunds; and

9 (3) importers, wholesalers, and larger busi-
10 nesses, especially those that raised prices or passed
11 on direct costs from those unlawful duties while they
12 were in place, should pass on the refunds to their
13 customers, including small businesses and families
14 impacted by those duties.

15 **SEC. 3. REFUND OF DUTIES IMPOSED UNDER INTER-**
16 **NATIONAL EMERGENCY ECONOMIC POWERS**
17 **ACT.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding section 514 of
19 the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1514) or any other pro-
20 vision of law, the Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Bor-
21 der Protection shall, not later than 180 days after the date
22 of the enactment of this Act, refund, with interest, to each
23 importer of a covered article all duties imposed under the
24 International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50
25 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.) and paid with respect to the article.

1 (b) RELIQUIDATION AUTHORITY.—In the case of an
2 entry of a covered article that was liquidated before the
3 date of the enactment of this Act, the Commissioner shall
4 reliquidate the entry at the rate of duty applicable to the
5 article in the absence of any duty imposed under the Inter-
6 national Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C.
7 1701 et seq.) in order to pay a refund required under sub-
8 section (a).

9 (c) PRIORITIZATION OF SMALL BUSINESSES.—The
10 Commissioner shall, to the extent practicable, prioritize
11 the payment of refunds under subsection (a) to small busi-
12 ness concerns.

13 (d) OUTREACH TO SMALL BUSINESSES.—The Com-
14 missioner shall coordinate with the Administrator of the
15 Small Business Administration to disseminate information
16 to small business concerns about the payment of refunds
17 under subsection (a), including any required documenta-
18 tion, actions small business concerns should take, and the
19 expected timeline for refunds.

20 (e) REPORTS REQUIRED.—Not later than 30 days
21 after the date of the enactment of this Act, and every 30
22 days thereafter until the payment of all refunds required
23 under subsection (a) has been completed, the Commis-
24 sioner shall submit to the Committee on Finance and the
25 Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship of

1 the Senate and the Committee on Ways and Means and
2 the Committee on Small Business of the House of Rep-
3 resentatives a report on the implementation of this section
4 that includes—

5 (1) a statement of the number of refunds issued
6 and the amount of duties refunded under subsection
7 (a) during the 30-day period preceding submission
8 of the report, including a breakdown between small
9 business concerns and other business concerns; and

10 (2) an estimate of the time anticipated to be re-
11 quired to complete the payment of refunds of all du-
12 ties under subsection (a).

13 (f) GUIDANCE ON DRAWBACKS.—Not later than 60
14 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Com-
15 missioner shall issue guidance with respect to how to ad-
16 dress claims for drawback under section 313 of the Tariff
17 Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1313) of duties described in sub-
18 section (a).

19 (g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

20 (1) COVERED ARTICLE.—The term “covered ar-
21 ticle” means an article with respect to which the
22 President imposed duties under the International
23 Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701
24 et seq.).

1 (2) ENTER; ENTRY.—The terms “enter” and
2 “entry” include a withdrawal from warehouse for
3 consumption.

4 (3) SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN.—The term
5 “small business concern” has the meaning given
6 that term in section 3 of the Small Business Act (15
7 U.S.C. 632).