S. 4110

To reauthorize the African Growth and Opportunity Act.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 11 (legislative day, APRIL 10), 2024

Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. RISCH, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. BENNET, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. ROUNDS, and Mr. DURBIN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

To reauthorize the African Growth and Opportunity Act.

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

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the

“AGOA Renewal and Improvement Act of 2024”.

(b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for

this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.
Sec. 2. Extension of African Growth and Opportunity Act.
Sec. 3. Review, enforcement, and reporting requirements.
Sec. 4. Support for regional supply chains in Africa.
Sec. 5. Graduation of beneficiary sub-Saharan African countries.
Sec. 6. Modification of eligibility requirements.
Sec. 7. Report on enforcement of prohibition on importation of goods made
with forced labor.
Sec. 9. Reports on implementation and potential trade agreements.
Sec. 10. United States International Trade Commission report on expanding
Sec. 11. African Growth and Opportunity Act forum and other updates.
Sec. 12. Updating protections against transshipment of certain textiles and apparel articles.

1 SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF AFRICAN GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY ACT.

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 506B of the Trade Act
3 of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2466b) is amended by striking “Sept-
4 ember 30, 2025” and inserting “September 30, 2041”.
5 (b) AFRICAN GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY ACT.—
6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 112(g) of the African
7 Growth and Opportunity Act (19 U.S.C.
8 3721(g)) is amended by striking “September 30,
9 2025” and inserting “September 30, 2041”.
10 (2) Extension of regional apparel article program.—Section 112(b)(3)(A) of the African
11 Growth and Opportunity Act (19 U.S.C.
12 3721(b)(3)(A)) is amended—
13 (A) in clause (i), by striking “21 succeeding” and inserting “37 succeeding”; and
14 (B) in clause (ii)(II), by striking “Sep-
15 tember 30, 2025” and inserting “September 30,
16 2041”.
17 (3) Extension of third-country fabric program.—Section 112(e)(1) of the African Growth
and Opportunity Act (19 U.S.C. 3721(c)(1)) is amended—

(A) in the paragraph heading, by striking “SEPTEMBER 30, 2025” and inserting “SEPTEMBER 30, 2041”;

(B) in subparagraph (A), by striking “SEPTEMBER 30, 2025” and inserting “SEPTEMBER 30, 2041”; and

(C) in subparagraph (B)(ii), by striking “SEPTEMBER 30, 2025” and inserting “SEPTEMBER 30, 2041”.

SEC. 3. REVIEW, ENFORCEMENT, AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.

(a) MANDATORY DESIGNATION.—Section 506A(a)(1) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2466a(a)(1)) is amended by striking “is authorized to” and inserting “shall”.

(b) REVIEWS, ENFORCEMENT, AND REPORTING.—Section 506A(a) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2466a(a)) is amended by striking paragraphs (2) and (3) and inserting the following:

“(2) MONITORING AND REVIEW OF CERTAIN COUNTRIES.—

“(A) BIENNIAL REVIEW.—
“(i) IN GENERAL.—Not less frequently than once every 2 years, the President shall monitor, review, and report to Congress on the progress of each country listed in section 107 of the African Growth and Opportunity Act (19 U.S.C. 3706) in meeting the requirements described in paragraph (1) in order to determine the current or potential eligibility of the country to be designated as a beneficiary sub-Saharan African country for purposes of this section.

“(ii) REPORTING.—The President’s determinations, and explanations of such determinations, with specific analysis of the eligibility requirements described in paragraph (1)(A), shall be included in the biennial report required by section 106(a)(1).

“(B) OUT OF CYCLE REVIEW.—The President may, at any time, initiate an out-of-cycle review of whether a beneficiary sub-Saharan African country is making continual progress in meeting the requirements described in paragraph (1). The President shall give due consid-
eration to petitions received under subsection (d)(3) in determining whether to initiate an out-of-cycle review under this subparagraph.

“(C) INITIATION OF OUT-OF-CYCLE REVIEWS BY CONGRESS.—If the chairperson and ranking member of one of the appropriate congressional committees jointly submit a request for an out-of-cycle review of a beneficiary Saharan African country based on the assertion that the country is not making continual progress in meeting the requirements described in paragraph (1), the President shall—

“(i) not later than 15 days after receiving the request, initiate an out-of-cycle review of whether the country is making continual progress in meeting those requirements; and

“(ii) not later than 45 days after receiving the request, submit a classified or unclassified report to the appropriate congressional committees on the review that includes—

“(I) the determination of the President, pursuant to the review, of whether or not the country is making
continual progress in meeting the requirements described in paragraph (1);

“(II) a description of the considerations entering into that determination, including a specific analysis of the requirements described in paragraph (1); and

“(III) if the President determines that the country is not making continual progress in meeting those requirements, the matters described in clauses (ii) through (iv) of paragraph (4)(B).

“(D) DELEGATION.—If the President delegates responsibility for conducting reviews under subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C), the President shall delegate that responsibility jointly to—

“(i) the United States Trade Representative or a designee of the Trade Representative serving in a position to which the designee was appointed by the President by and with the advice and consent of the Senate; and
“(ii) the Secretary of State or a designee of the Secretary serving in a position to which the designee was appointed by the President by and with the advice and consent of the Senate.

“(3) CONTINUING COMPLIANCE.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—If, pursuant to a review conducted under paragraph (2), the President determines that a beneficiary sub-Saharan African country is not making continual progress in meeting the requirements described in paragraph (1), the President shall, subject to paragraph (4)—

“(i) terminate the designation of that country as a beneficiary sub-Saharan African country for purposes of this section;

“(ii) withdraw, suspend, or limit the application of duty-free treatment to any article of the country that is described in subsection (b)(1) or section 112 of the African Growth and Opportunity Act (19 U.S.C. 3721);

“(iii) issue a warning letter to the country detailing concerns with the lack of progress of the country in meeting the re-
requirements described in paragraph (1) and providing notice that, if corrective action is not taken before the next review of the country under paragraph (2), the President may take action under clause (i) or (ii) based on the results of that review; or “(iv) take no action under clause (i), (ii), or (iii) if the President determines that—

“(I) the compliance of the country with the requirements described in paragraph (1) will be most effectively promoted by other means; or

“(II) the economic and foreign policy interests of the United States will be most effectively advanced by taking no action.

“(B) EFFECTIVE DATE.—An action taken under subparagraph (A) shall be effective with respect to a country—

“(i) for biennial reviews conducted under paragraph (2)(A), on January 1 of the year following the year in which the determination that the country is not making continual progress in meeting the re-
requirements described in paragraph (1) is made;

“(ii) for out-of-cycle reviews conducted under subparagraph (B) or (C) of paragraph (2), not later than 90 days after such a determination is made.

“(4) Notification, reporting, and briefing.—

“(A) Notification.—If, pursuant to a review conducted under paragraph (2), the President determines that a beneficiary sub-Saharan African country is not making continual progress in meeting the requirements described in paragraph (1), the President shall notify the appropriate congressional committees and the government of the country of the President’s determination and any action the President is considering taking not less than 60 days before taking any action with respect to the country under paragraph (3)(A) or determining to take no action as described in clause (iv) of that paragraph.

“(B) Report required.—Not later than 15 days after providing notification under subparagraph (A) with respect to a country, the
President shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a classified or unclassified report, informed by the United States Trade Representative and the Secretary of State, that includes—

“(i) a description of the considerations entering into the determination that the country is not making continual progress in meeting the requirements described in paragraph (1), including a specific analysis of those requirements;

“(ii) an analysis of the expected economic and political effects of—

“(I) the action the President intends to take under paragraph (3)(A) with respect to the country; or

“(II) taking no action, if the President determines to take no action as described in clause (iv) of that paragraph;

“(iii) an explanation of the role of the action or determination to take no action in the overall strategy of the United States toward the country; and
“(iv) an explanation of what actions by the country would result in the restoration of, as applicable—

“(I) the designation of the country as a beneficiary sub-Saharan African country for purposes of this section; or

“(II) the application of duty-free treatment to articles of the country.

“(C) BRIEFING REQUIRED.—Not later than 30 days after providing notification under subparagraph (A), the United States Trade Representative and the Secretary of State shall provide briefings to the appropriate congressional committees addressing—

“(i) the findings of the review conducted under paragraph (2); and

“(ii) the contents of the report required by subparagraph (B).”.

(c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Title V of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2461 et seq.) is amended—

(1) in section 506A (19 U.S.C. 2466a)—

(A) by striking subsection (c);

(B) in subsection (d), by striking paragraph (4); and
(C) in subsection (e)—

(i) by striking “BENEFICIARY SUB-
SAHARAN AFRICAN COUNTRIES, ETC.—
For purposes of this title—” and inserting
“DEFINITIONS.—In this title:”; 

(ii) by redesignating paragraphs (1)
and (2) as paragraphs (2) and (3), respec-
tively; and

(iii) by inserting before paragraph (2),
as so redesignated, the following:

“(1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
TEES.—The term ‘appropriate congressional com-
mittees’ means—

“(A) the Committee on Ways and Means
and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the
House of Representatives; and

“(B) the Committee on Finance and the
Committee on Foreign Relations of the Sen-
ate.”; and

(2) in section 506B (19 U.S.C. 2466b), by
striking “section 506A(c)” and inserting “section
506A(f)”.

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SEC. 4. SUPPORT FOR REGIONAL SUPPLY CHAINS IN AFRIA-
CA.

(a) In General.—Section 506A of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2466a) is amended—

(1) in subsection (b)(2), by striking “former beneficiary sub-Saharan African countries” each place it appears and inserting “eligible AfCFTA countries”;

(2) by redesignating subsection (e) as subsection (f);

(3) by inserting after subsection (d) the follow-

(e) Eligible AfCFTA Countries.—The Presi-
dent is authorized to designate a country as an eligible AfCFTA country if—

“(1) that country has signed and ratified the African Continental Free Trade Agreement; and

“(2) the President determines that the country meets the eligibility requirements set forth in section 104 of the African Growth and Opportunity Act (19 U.S.C. 3703).”; and

(4) in subsection (f), as redesignated by para-

graph (1)—

(A) in paragraph (2), as redesignated by section 3(e)(1)(C)(ii), by striking “the terms”
and inserting “BENEFICIARY SUB-SAHARAN AF-
RICAN COUNTRY.—The terms”; and

(B) by striking paragraph (3), as so redes-
ignated, and inserting the following:

“(3) ELIGIBLE AFCFTA COUNTRY.—The term
‘eligible AfCFTA country’ means a country that the
President has determined is eligible under subsection
(e).”.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS TO AFRICAN
GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY ACT.—Section 112 of the
is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by striking “section
506A(e)” and inserting “section 506A(f)”; and.

(2) in subsection (f)—

(A) in paragraph (2), by striking “section
506A(e)” and inserting “section 506A(f)”; and

(B) by striking paragraph (4) and insert-
ing the following:

“(4) ELIGIBLE AFCFTA COUNTRY.—The term
‘eligible AfCFTA country’ means a country that the
President has determined is eligible under section
506A(e) of the Trade Act of 1974.”; and
(3) by striking “former beneficiary sub-Saharan African countries” each place it appears and inserting “eligible AfCFTA countries”.

SEC. 5. GRADUATION OF BENEFICIARY SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN COUNTRIES.

(a) GRADUATION.—Section 506A of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2466a) is amended by inserting after subsection (b) the following:

“(c) MANDATORY GRADUATION OF HIGH INCOME COUNTRIES.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided by paragraph (2), if the President determines that a beneficiary sub-Saharan African country has been classified, under the official statistics of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, as a ‘high income’ country for a period of 5 consecutive years, the President shall terminate the designation of the country as a beneficiary sub-Saharan African country for purposes of this section and as a beneficiary developing country for purposes of this title, effective on January 1 of the second year following the year in which that determination is made.

“(2) EXCEPTION.—After a country has been designated as ‘high income’ for a period of 5 consecutive years as described in paragraph (1), the
President may elect to maintain the designation of the country as a beneficiary sub-Saharan African country for purposes of this section and as a beneficiary developing country for purposes of this title for not more than an additional 5 years to allow for the negotiation of a free trade agreement with that country, in accordance with the policy described in section 116(a) of the African Growth and Opportunity Act (19 U.S.C. 3723(a)).”.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Title V of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2461 et seq.) is amended—

(1) in section 502(e), by striking “If the President” and inserting “Except as provided by section 506A(c), if the President”; and

(2) in section 506A(a)(1)(B)—

(A) by striking “subsections (a), (d), and (e)” and inserting “subsections (a) and (d)”;

and

(B) by inserting “(other than subsection (e) of that section)” after “in section 502”.

SEC. 6. MODIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS.

(a) MANDATORY DESIGNATION.—Section 104 of the African Growth and Opportunity Act (19 U.S.C. 3703) is amended, in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking “is authorized to” and inserting “shall”.

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(b) MODIFICATION OF REQUIREMENTS.—Section 104 of the African Growth and Opportunity Act (19 U.S.C. 3703) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1), by amending subparagraph (E) to read as follows:

“(E) the minimum standards for the elimination of corruption described in section 5404(a) of the Combating Global Corruption Act (subtitle A of title LIV of Public Law 118–31);”;

(2) in paragraph (2), by striking “; and” and inserting a semicolon; and

(3) by striking paragraph (3) and inserting the following:

“(3) does not engage in gross violations of internationally recognized human rights, including as reflected in the annual Country Reports on Human Rights Practices of the Department of State, and cooperates in international efforts to eliminate human rights violations, including by not having been—

“(A) determined to be engaged in a pattern of gross violations of internationally recognized human rights for purposes of—
“(i) section 701 of the International Financial Institutions Act (22 U.S.C. 262d); or

“(ii) section 116 or 502B of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2151n and 2304);

“(B) listed under subparagraph (C) of section 110(b)(1) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (22 U.S.C. 7107(b)(1)) (commonly referred to as ‘tier 3’) in the most recent report on trafficking in persons required under that section (commonly referred to as the ‘Trafficking in Persons Report’);

“(C) identified on the list published by the Secretary of State pursuant to section 404(b) of the Child Soldiers Prevention Act of 2008 (22 U.S.C. 2370c–1(b)) as a country that recruits and uses child soldiers; or


“(4) does not provide support for acts of international terrorism and cooperates in international
efforts to eliminate terrorist activities, including by
not having been determined by the Secretary of
State to have repeatedly provided support for acts of
international terrorism for purposes of—

“(A) section 1754(c)(1)(A)(i) of the Ex-
port Control Reform Act of 2018 (50 U.S.C.
4813(c)(1)(A)(i));

“(B) section 620A of the Foreign Assist-
ance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2371);

“(C) section 40(d) of the Arms Export
Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2780(d)); or

“(D) any other provision of law; and

“(5) is not subject to restrictions on the provi-
sion of assistance to a country the duly elected head
of government of which is deposed by a coup d’état
or decree under an Act making appropriations for
the Department of State, foreign operations, and re-
lated programs.”.

SEC. 7. REPORT ON ENFORCEMENT OF PROHIBITION ON
IMPORTATION OF GOODS MADE WITH
FORCED LABOR.

Section 112 of the African Growth and Opportunity
Act (19 U.S.C. 3721) is amended—

(1) by redesignating subsections (f) and (g) as
subsections (g) and (h); and
(2) by inserting after subsection (e) the fol-
lowing:

“(f) REPORT REQUIRED.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days
after the date of the enactment of the AGOA Re-
newal and Improvement Act of 2024, the Secretary
of Commerce shall submit to the appropriate con-
gressional committees a report on procedures in
place to ensure that any country the textile and ap-
parel articles of which are receiving preferential
treatment under this section is not exporting those
articles to the United States in violation of—

“(A) section 307 of the Tariff Act of 1930
(19 U.S.C. 1307); or

“(B) section 3 of the Act entitled ‘An Act
to ensure that goods made with forced labor in
the Xinjiang Autonomous Region of the Peo-
ple’s Republic of China do not enter the United
States market, and for other purposes’, ap-
proved December 23, 2021 (Public Law 117–
78; 22 U.S.C. 6901 note) (commonly referred
to as the ‘Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention
Act’).
“(2) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term ‘appropriate congressional committees’ means—

“(A) the Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives; and

“(B) the Committee on Finance and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate.”.

SEC. 8. IMPROVING UTILIZATION OF AFRICAN GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY ACT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle B of the African Growth and Opportunity Act (19 U.S.C. 3721 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“SEC. 118. BIENNIAL UTILIZATION STRATEGIES.

“(a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—It is the sense of Congress that—

“(A) beneficiary sub-Saharan African countries should develop utilization strategies on a biennial basis in order to more effectively and strategically utilize benefits available under this Act and section 506A of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2466a) (in this section referred to as ‘AGOA utilization strategies’);
“(B) United States trade capacity building agencies should work with, and provide appropriate resources to, such sub-Saharan African countries to assist in developing and implementing biennial AGOA utilization strategies; and

“(C) as appropriate, and to encourage greater regional integration, the United States Trade Representative should consider requesting the Regional Economic Communities to prepare biennial AGOA utilization strategies.

“(2) CONTENTS.—It is further the sense of Congress that biennial AGOA utilization strategies should identify strategic needs and priorities to bolster utilization of benefits available under this Act. To that end, biennial AGOA utilization strategies should—

“(A) review potential exports under this Act and section 506A of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2466a) and identify opportunities and obstacles to increased trade and investment and enhanced poverty reduction efforts;

“(B) identify obstacles to regional integration that inhibit utilization of benefits under
this Act and section 506A of the Trade Act of 1974;

“(C) set out a plan to take advantage of opportunities and address obstacles identified in subparagraphs (A) and (B), improve awareness of this Act as a program that enhances exports to the United States, and utilize United States Agency for International Development regional trade hubs;

“(D) set out a strategy to promote small business and entrepreneurship; and

“(E) eliminate obstacles to regional trade and promote greater utilization of benefits under this Act and section 506A of the Trade Act of 1974 and establish a plan to promote full regional implementation of the Agreement on Trade Facilitation of the World Trade Organization.

“(3) PUBLICATION.—It is further the sense of Congress that—

“(A) each beneficiary sub-Saharan African country should publish on an appropriate internet website of such country public versions of its AGOA utilization strategy; and
“(B) the United States Trade Representative should publish on the internet website of the Office of the United States Trade Representative public versions of all AGOA utilization strategies described in subparagraph (A).

“(b) ASSISTANCE TO IMPLEMENT UTILIZATION STRATEGIES.—

“(1) ELIGIBILITY.—Each beneficiary sub-Saharan African country that has published an AGOA utilization strategy as described in paragraph (3) of subsection (a) that meets the criteria described in paragraph (2) of that subsection is eligible for the assistance described in paragraph (2).

“(2) TRADE CAPACITY BUILDING ASSISTANCE.—The Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development should assist each country that is eligible under paragraph (1) in the implementation of the AGOA utilization strategy of the country, including assistance in—

“(A) developing a business environment conducive to international trade and investment;

“(B) establishing trade-related infrastructure and industrial zones;
“(C) conducting export promotion activities;

“(D) modernizing and improving customs operations and procedures;

“(E) meeting sanitary and phytosanitary standards;

“(F) minimizing technical barriers to trade;

“(G) protecting intellectual property rights;

“(H) implementing the Agreement on Trade Facilitation of the World Trade Organization;

“(I) furthering labor and environmental standards; and

“(J) other trade capacity building activities.

“(3) Authorization of Appropriations.—There is authorized to be appropriated to the United States Agency for International Development for fiscal year 2025 $10,000,000 to carry out this subsection.

“(e) Beneficiary Sub-Saharan African Country Defined.—In this section, the term ‘beneficiary sub-Saharan African country’ has the meaning given that term
in section 506A(f) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2466a(f)).”.

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents for the African Growth and Opportunity Act is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 117 the following:

“Sec. 118. Biennial utilization strategies.”.

(c) CONFORMING REPEAL.—Section 107 of the Trade Preferences Extension Act of 2015 (Public Law 114–27; 129 Stat. 368) is repealed.

SEC. 9. REPORTS ON IMPLEMENTATION AND POTENTIAL TRADE AGREEMENTS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 106 of the African Growth and Opportunity Act (19 U.S.C. 3705) is amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 106. REPORTS.

“(a) IMPLEMENTATION REPORT.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than December 31, 2024, and biennially thereafter, the President shall submit to Congress a report on the trade and investment relationship between the United States and sub-Saharan African countries and on the implementation of this Act and section 506A of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2466a).
“(2) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.—The report required by paragraph (1) shall include the following:

“(A) A description of the status of trade and investment between the United States and sub-Saharan Africa, including information on leading exports to the United States from sub-Saharan African countries.

“(B) Any changes in eligibility of sub-Saharan African countries during the period covered by the report.

“(C) A detailed analysis of whether each beneficiary sub-Saharan African country is continuing to meet the eligibility requirements set forth in section 104 and the eligibility criteria set forth in section 502 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2462).

“(D) A description of the status of regional integration efforts in sub-Saharan Africa.

“(E) A summary of United States trade capacity building efforts.

“(F) Any other initiatives related to enhancing the trade and investment relationship
between the United States and sub-Saharan African countries.

“(b) POTENTIAL TRADE AGREEMENTS REPORT.—Not later than December 31, 2024, and every 4 years thereafter, the United States Trade Representative shall submit to Congress a report that—

“(1) identifies sub-Saharan African countries that have expressed an interest in entering into a free trade agreement with the United States;

“(2) evaluates the viability and progress of such sub-Saharan African countries and other sub-Saharan African countries toward entering into a free trade agreement with the United States; and

“(3) describes a plan for negotiating and concluding such agreements, which includes the elements described in subparagraphs (A) through (E) of section 116(b)(2).

“(c) TERMINATION.—The reporting requirements of this section shall cease to have any force or effect after September 30, 2041.”.

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents for the African Growth and Opportunity Act is amended by striking the item relating to section 106 and inserting the following:

“Sec. 106. Reports.”.
(c) CONFORMING REPEAL.—Section 110 of the AGOA Extension and Enhancement Act of 2015 (Public Law 114–27; 19 U.S.C. 3705 note) is repealed.

SEC. 10. UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION REPORT ON EXPANDING ARTICLES COVERED BY AFRICAN GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY ACT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the United States International Trade Commission shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report evaluating options for expanding the range of articles eligible for duty-free treatment under the African Growth and Opportunity Act (19 U.S.C. 3701 et seq.) and section 506A of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2466a).

(b) HEARING.—The Commission shall hold a hearing to solicit public input on what articles described in subsection (a) should be considered in the report required by that subsection.

(c) ELEMENTS.—In preparing the report required by subsection (a), the Commission shall consider—

(1) the extent to which duty-free treatment of articles described in that subsection could expand exportation of those articles to the United States;
(2) the economic effects of expanded exportation of those articles on the economy of the country exporting the articles; and

(3) the economic effects of expanded imports of those articles on the economy of the United States.

(d) Appropriate Congressional Committees Defined.—In this section, the term “appropriate congressional committees” means—

(1) the Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives; and

(2) the Committee on Finance and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate.

Section 105 of the African Growth and Opportunity Act (19 U.S.C. 3704) is amended—

(1) in subsection (c)(1), in the first sentence, by striking “host the first annual meeting” and inserting “host a meeting on or before September 30 of each year, in the United States or in Sub-Saharan Africa,”;

(2) in subsection (d)—
(A) in the subsection heading, by striking “USIS” and inserting “DEPARTMENT OF COM- 
MERCE”; and

(B) by striking “United States Information Service” and inserting “Department of 
Commerce”; and

(3) by striking subsection (e).

SEC. 12. UPDATING PROTECTIONS AGAINST TRANS- 
SHIPMENT OF CERTAIN TEXTILES AND AP- 
PAREL ARTICLES.

(a) REPEAL OF OUTDATED TEXTILE VISA REQUIRE- 
MENTS.—The African Growth and Opportunity Act (19 
U.S.C. 3701 et seq.) is amended—

(1) in section 112 (19 U.S.C. 3721), as amend-
ed by section 7—

(A) by striking subsection (d); and

(B) by redesignating subsections (e), (f), 
(g), and (h) as subsections (d), (e), (f), and (g) 
respectively; and

(2) in section 113 (19 U.S.C. 3722)—

(A) in subsection (a)(1)—

(i) in subparagraph (A), by striking “an effective visa system, domestic laws,” 
and inserting “domestic laws”;
• (ii) in subparagraph (D), by striking the semicolon and inserting “; and”;

(ii) in subparagraph (E), by striking “; and” and inserting a period; and

(iv) by striking subparagraph (F); (B) in subsection (b)(5), by striking “the effectiveness of the visa systems and”; and

(C) in subsection (c)(1)(A), by striking “visa systems, legislation,” and inserting “legislation”.

(b) Modification of Production Verification Team Visits.—Section 113(c)(2) of the African Growth and Opportunity Act (19 U.S.C. 3722(c)(2)) is amended to read as follows:

“(2) send production verification teams to beneficiary sub-Saharan African countries as necessary to verify compliance with this section; and”.

SEC. 13. TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.

(a) Sub-Saharan Africa Defined.—Section 107 of the African Growth and Opportunity Act (19 U.S.C. 3706) is amended—

(1) inserting after “State of Eritrea (Eritrea).” the following:

“Kingdom of Eswatini (Eswatini).”;
(2) by striking “Ethiopia” and inserting “Feder-
eral Democratic Republic of Ethiopia (Ethiopia)”;
(3) by striking “Somalia” and inserting “Fed-
eral Republic of Somalia (Somalia)”;
and
(4) by striking “Kingdom of Swaziland (Swazi-
land).”.

(b) NAME OF U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTEC-
TION.—The African Growth and Opportunity Act (19
U.S.C. 3701 et seq.) is amended—

(1) in section 112(d) (19 U.S.C. 3721(d)), in
the flush text, by striking “The Customs Service”
and inserting “U.S. Customs and Border Protec-
tion”; and
(2) in section 113 (19 U.S.C. 3722)—

(A) in subsection (a)(1)—

(i) in subparagraph (B), by striking
“United States Customs Service” and in-
serting “U.S. Customs and Border Protec-
tion”; and

(ii) by striking “the United States
Customs Service” each place it appears
and inserting “U.S. Customs and Border
Protection”;

(B) in subsection (b)(5), by striking “The
Customs Service shall monitor and the Commis-
sioner of Customs” and inserting “U.S. Customs and Border Protection shall monitor and the Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection”; and

(C) in subsection (c)—

(i) in the subsection heading, by striking “CUSTOMS SERVICE” and inserting “U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION”; and

(ii) by striking “The Customs Service” and inserting “U.S. Customs and Border Protection”.

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