

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To establish the position of Under Secretary of
Agriculture for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs.

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To reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and
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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by _____

Viz:

1 Strike section 3209 and insert the following:

2 **SEC. 3209. UNDER SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE FOR**
3 **TRADE AND FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL AF-**
4 **FAIRS.**

5 (a) DEFINITION OF AGRICULTURE COMMITTEES AND
6 SUBCOMMITTEES.—In this section, the term “agriculture
7 committees and subcommittees” means—

8 (1) the Committee on Agriculture of the House
9 of Representatives;

10 (2) the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition,
11 and Forestry of the Senate; and

12 (3) the subcommittees on agriculture, rural de-
13 velopment, food and drug administration, and re-

1 lated agencies of the Committees on Appropriations
2 of the House of Representatives and the Senate.

3 (b) PROPOSAL.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in consulta-
5 tion with the agriculture committees and subcommit-
6 tees, shall propose a reorganization of international
7 trade functions for imports and exports of the De-
8 partment of Agriculture.

9 (2) CONSIDERATIONS.—In producing the pro-
10 posal under this section, the Secretary shall—

11 (A) in recognition of the importance of ag-
12 ricultural exports to the farm economy and the
13 economy as a whole, include a plan for the es-
14 tablishment of an Under Secretary of Agri-
15 culture for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Af-
16 fairs;

17 (B) take into consideration how the Under
18 Secretary described in subparagraph (A) would
19 serve as a multiagency coordinator of sanitary
20 and phytosanitary issues and nontariff trade
21 barriers in agriculture with respect to imports
22 and exports of agricultural products; and

23 (C) take into consideration all implications
24 of a reorganization described in paragraph (1)

1 on domestic programs and operations of the
2 Department of Agriculture.

3 (3) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after
4 the date of enactment of this Act and before the re-
5 organization described in paragraph (1) can take ef-
6 fect, the Secretary shall submit to the agriculture
7 committees and subcommittees a report that—

8 (A) includes the results of the proposal
9 under this section; and

10 (B) provides a notice of the reorganization
11 plan.

12 (4) IMPLEMENTATION.—Not later than 1 year
13 after the date of the submission of the report under
14 paragraph (3), the Secretary shall implement a reor-
15 ganization of international trade functions for im-
16 ports and exports of the Department of Agriculture,
17 including the establishment of an Under Secretary
18 of Agriculture for Trade and Foreign Agricultural
19 Affairs.

20 (c) CONFIRMATION REQUIRED.—The position of
21 Under Secretary of Agriculture for Trade and Foreign Ag-
22 ricultural Affairs established under subsection (b)(2)(A)
23 shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice
24 and consent of the Senate.