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To prohibit the Secretary of Homeland Security from operating or procuring foreign-made unmanned aircraft systems, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 18, 2019

Mr. CRENSHAW (for himself, Ms. TORRES SMALL of New Mexico, and Mr. ROGERS of Alabama) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

A BILL

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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 “Drone Origin Security
5 Enhancement Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON OPERATION OR PROCUREMENT**
2 **OF FOREIGN-MADE UNMANNED AIRCRAFT**
3 **SYSTEMS.**

4 (a) PROHIBITION ON AGENCY OPERATION OR PRO-
5 CUREMENT.—The Secretary of Homeland Security may
6 not operate, provide financial assistance for, or enter into
7 or renew a contract for the procurement of—

8 (1) an unmanned aircraft system (UAS) that—

9 (A) is manufactured in a covered foreign
10 country or by a corporation domiciled in a cov-
11 ered foreign country;

12 (B) uses flight controllers, radios, data
13 transmission devices, cameras, or gimbals man-
14 ufactured in a covered foreign country or by a
15 corporation domiciled in a covered foreign coun-
16 try;

17 (C) uses a ground control system or oper-
18 ating software developed in a covered foreign
19 country or by a corporation domiciled in a cov-
20 ered foreign country; or

21 (D) uses network connectivity or data stor-
22 age located in or administered by a corporation
23 domiciled in a covered foreign country; or

24 (2) a system manufactured in a covered foreign
25 country or by a corporation domiciled in a covered

1 foreign country for the detection or identification of
2 covered unmanned aircraft systems.

3 (b) WAIVER.—The Secretary of Homeland Security
4 may waive the prohibition under subsection (a) on a case
5 by case basis by certifying in writing to the Committee
6 on Homeland Security of the House of Representatives
7 and the Committee on Homeland Security and Govern-
8 mental Affairs of the Senate that the operation or procure-
9 ment that is the subject of such a waiver is required—

10 (1) in the national interest of the United
11 States;

12 (2) for counter-UAS surrogate testing and
13 training; or

14 (3) for intelligence, electronic warfare, or infor-
15 mation warfare operations, testing, analysis, and or
16 training.

17 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

18 (1) COVERED FOREIGN COUNTRY.—The term
19 “covered foreign country” means a country labeled
20 as a strategic competitor in the “Summary of the
21 2018 National Defense Strategy of the United
22 States of America: Sharpening the American Mili-
23 tary’s Competitive Edge” issued by the Department
24 of Defense pursuant to section 113 of title 10,
25 United States Code.

1 (2) COVERED UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEM.—
2 The term “unmanned aircraft system” has the
3 meaning given such term in section 331 of the FAA
4 Modernization and Reform Act of 2012 (Public Law
5 112–95; 49 U.S.C. 44802 note).

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