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To delay the implementation of a rule relating to the importation of sheep and goats and products derived from sheep and goats, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PFLUGER (for himself, Mr. CUELLAR, Mr. JACKSON, Ms. MALLIOTAKIS, Mr. ARRINGTON, Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas, Ms. HERRELL, Mr. STEWART, Mr. FORTENBERRY, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, and Ms. CHENEY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

A BILL

To delay the implementation of a rule relating to the importation of sheep and goats and products derived from sheep and goats, and for other purposes.

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. DELAYED IMPLEMENTATION OF RULE RELAT-**
4 **ING TO IMPORTATION OF SHEEP AND GOATS**
5 **AND PRODUCTS DERIVED FROM SHEEP AND**
6 **GOATS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—During the period beginning on
8 the date of the enactment of this Act and ending on the

1 date that is 1 year after the date on which the report is
2 submitted under subsection (b), the Secretary of Agri-
3 culture, and any other Federal official, may not finalize,
4 implement, administer, or enforce the proposed rule enti-
5 tled “Importation of Sheep, Goats, and Certain Other
6 Ruminants” (81 Fed. Reg. 46619) and dated July 18,
7 2016.

8 (b) STUDY AND REPORT.—

9 (1) STUDY.—

10 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Agri-
11 culture shall conduct a study on the potential
12 costs and benefits of the rule referred to in sub-
13 section (a).

14 (B) CONTENTS.—The study required by
15 subparagraph (A) shall assess—

16 (i) the estimated amount of sheep and
17 goat meat imported into the United States
18 as a result of the implementation of the
19 rule referred to in subsection (a);

20 (ii) the estimated increase in the num-
21 ber of live sheep and goats imported into
22 the United States as a result of the rule;

23 (iii) the estimated demand for sheep
24 and goat meat in the United States during
25 the 10-year period beginning on the date

1 of the enactment of this Act, disaggregated
2 by region and State;

3 (iv) the impact of the COVID–19 pan-
4 demic on the economic data and market
5 conditions for imports of sheep and goat
6 meat and live sheep and goats;

7 (v) the potential effects of the rule
8 on—

9 (I) the supply and prices of live
10 sheep and goats in the United States;

11 (II) producers of and markets for
12 live sheep and goats in the United
13 States, disaggregated by region and
14 State;

15 (III) export opportunities for
16 United States producers of sheep and
17 goat meat;

18 (IV) the competitiveness of the
19 sheep and goat industries in the
20 United States;

21 (V) consumer confidence in sheep
22 and goat meat;

23 (VI) the health of sheep and goat
24 herds in the United States; and

1 (VII) disease outbreaks across
2 species of animals;

3 (vi) the estimated amount of direct
4 payments made by foreign countries to
5 producers of live sheep and goats in such
6 countries as a result of the implementation
7 of the rule referred to in subsection (a);
8 and

9 (vii) any negative impacts that could
10 result from the implementation of the rule
11 referred to in subsection (a) not covered by
12 clauses (i) through (vi).

13 (2) REPORT.—

14 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year
15 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
16 Secretary of Agriculture shall submit to the
17 committees specified in subparagraph (B) a re-
18 port that includes—

19 (i) an analysis of the results of the
20 study conducted under paragraph (1); and

21 (ii) recommendations for changes to
22 the rule referred to in subsection (a) to
23 eliminate or mitigate any negative effects
24 of the implementation of the rule.

1 (B) COMMITTEES SPECIFIED.—The com-
2 mittees specified in this subparagraph are—

3 (i) the Committee on Agriculture, Nu-
4 trition, and Forestry, the Committee on
5 Foreign Relations, the Committee on Fi-
6 nance, and the Committee on Homeland
7 Security and Governmental Affairs of the
8 Senate; and

9 (ii) the Committee on Agriculture, the
10 Committee on Foreign Affairs, and the
11 Committee on Oversight and Reform of the
12 House of Representatives.

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