

Trade Bill

AMENDMENTS
TO BE MOVED
IN GRAND COMMITTEE

Clause 2

BARONESS MCINTOSH OF PICKERING

As an amendment to the amendment in the name of Lord Purvis of Tweed to page 2, line 33, printed on sheet HL Bill 128(a)

In subsection (6B) at end insert –

“(e) food safety.”

After Clause 2

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Insert the following new Clause –

“International Trade Commission

- (1) The Secretary of State must by regulations made by statutory instrument establish a body corporate called the International Trade Commission (“ITC”) within one month of the passing of this Act.
- (2) The ITC must establish criteria for maintaining standards as high as, or higher than, standards applied within the United Kingdom at the time of import for goods imported under a trade agreement between the United Kingdom and any other state.
- (3) “Standards” under subsection (2) includes, but is not limited to, standards relating to –
 - (a) animal welfare,
 - (b) protection of the environment,
 - (c) food safety, hygiene and traceability,
 - (d) plant health, and
 - (e) employment and human rights.
- (4) A Minister of the Crown may not lay a copy of an international trade agreement before Parliament under section 20(1) of the Constitutional Reform and Governance Act 2010 that contains provisions relating to the importation of goods into the United Kingdom unless satisfied that the criteria established by the ITC under subsection (2) have been met.

After Clause 2 - continued

- (5) The Secretary of State must allocate such sums to the ITC as the Secretary of State considers appropriate as required in order to perform its functions.
- (6) A statutory instrument containing regulations under subsection (1) may not be made unless a draft of the instrument has been laid before and approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament.”

Insert the following new Clause –

“International Trade Commission: advice and reports

- (1) The ITC must provide the Secretary of State with such advice, assistance and support as the Secretary of State requests in connection with –
 - (a) negotiating an international trade agreement, and
 - (b) the functions of the Secretary of State relating to trade.
- (2) The ITC must prepare a report annually on the performance of its functions.
- (3) The ITC must provide a report to the Secretary of State containing its advice on any international trade agreement.
- (4) The Secretary of State must lay before Parliament each report under subsections (2) and (3), and the Secretary of State’s response to each report.”

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