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To provide clarity and consistency in certain country-of-origin markings.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BREAUX introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

To provide clarity and consistency in certain country-of-origin markings.

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. MARKING OF CERTAIN FITTINGS AND**
4 **FLANGES.**

5 (a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This section may be cited as the
6 “Markings Harmonization Act of 2002”.

7 (b) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 304(c) of the Tariff Act
8 of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1304(c)) is amended by adding at the
9 end the following new paragraphs:

10 “(3) For purposes of subsection (a) of this section,
11 the ultimate purchaser of flanges or butt welding fittings

1 made of carbon, alloy, or stainless steel shall be the person
2 in the United States that subjects such fittings or flanges
3 to—

4 “(A) at least one of the following processes:

5 “(i) bevelling;

6 “(ii) threading;

7 “(iii) center or step boring; and

8 “(iv) machining the gasket face; and

9 “(B) at least two of the following processes:

10 “(i) heat treating;

11 “(ii) recoinning or resizing;

12 “(iii) taper boring;

13 “(iv) machining ends or surfaces other
14 than a gasket face;

15 “(v) drilling bolt holes;

16 “(vi) deburring or shot-blasting;

17 “(vii) painting;

18 “(viii) passivating; and

19 “(ix) marking its name on the fittings or
20 flanges.

21 “(4) The flanges and butt welding fittings subject to
22 paragraph (3) shall be all articles provided for under sub-
23 headings 7307.21, 7307.23, 7307.91, and 7307.93 of the
24 Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, as in
25 effect on January 1, 2002, except for articles imported

1 from Canada or Mexico that are subject to other marking
2 requirements under the North American Free Trade
3 Agreement Implementation Act or regulations issued
4 thereunder.”.

5 (c) ARTICLES FROM CANADA AND MEXICO.—After
6 consultations with the Governments of Canada and Mex-
7 ico, the Secretary of the Treasury may issue regulations
8 that extend the provisions of section 304(c)(3) of the Tar-
9 iff Act of 1930 (as added by subsection (b) of this section)
10 to the flanges and butt welding fittings that would be sub-
11 ject to such section 304(c)(3) but for other marking re-
12 quirements under the North American Free Trade Agree-
13 ment Implementation Act or regulations issued thereunder
14 (as provided in section 304(c)(4) of the Tariff Act of
15 1930, as added by subsection (b) of this section).

16 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
17 subsection (b) shall apply with respect to goods entered,
18 or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after
19 the 15th day after the date of enactment of this Act.

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