

117TH CONGRESS
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S. 5278

To amend the Plant Protection Act to require the publication of information on violations of wood packaging material regulations, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 15, 2022

Mrs. GILLIBRAND introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

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 “Transparency in
5 Invasive Pests on Pallets Improvement Act of 2022” or
6 the “TIPPI Act of 2022”.

7 **SEC. 2. PUBLICATION OF INFORMATION ON VIOLATIONS OF**
8 **WOOD PACKAGING MATERIAL REGULATIONS.**

9 Subtitle C of the Plant Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 7751
10 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

1 **“SEC. 439. PUBLICATION OF INFORMATION ON VIOLATIONS**
2 **OF WOOD PACKAGING MATERIAL REGULA-**
3 **TIONS.**

4 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Beginning on January 1, 2024,
5 the Secretary shall make publicly available on the website
6 of the Department of Agriculture information on each vio-
7 lation of the regulations on wood packaging material (in-
8 cluding solid wood pallets, crates, spools and other pack-
9 aging, and solid wood dunnage) under subpart I of part
10 319 of title 7, Code of Federal Regulations (or successor
11 regulations), with respect to cargo entering the United
12 States.

13 “(b) CONTENTS.—The information made publicly
14 available under subsection (a) shall include, for each viola-
15 tion—

16 “(1) the date of the violation;

17 “(2) the type of violation;

18 “(3) the type of insect found if the violation is
19 an insect infestation;

20 “(4) the type of wood packaging material;

21 “(5) information from the International Sani-
22 tary and Phytosanitary Measures No. 15 mark on
23 the wood packaging material (including country, fa-
24 cility number, and treatment type);

25 “(6) the port of entry of the wood packaging
26 material containing the commodity being shipped;

1 “(7) the country of origin of shipment of the
2 wood packaging material containing the commodity
3 being shipped; and

4 “(8) the commodity shipped in the wood pack-
5 aging material.

6 “(c) EFFECT.—Nothing in this section establishes a
7 cause of action against the Animal and Plant Health In-
8 spection Service relating to the publication of information
9 pursuant to this section.”.

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