

MAKING REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN IMPORTED ARTICLES

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Mr. MILLS, from the committee of conference, submitted the following

CONFERENCE REPORT

[To accompany H.R. 2513]

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2513) to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to require certain new packages of imported articles to be marked to indicate the country of origin, and for other purposes, having met, after full and free conference, have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted by the Senate amendment insert the following:

(e) Section 304(a)(3)(J) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1304(a)(3)(J)) is amended by striking out the proviso therein and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "Provided, That this subdivision shall not apply to sawed lumber entered or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption after March 31, 1964; and no trade agreement or other international agreement heretofore or hereafter entered into by the United States shall be applied in a manner inconsistent with this proviso;"

And the Senate agree to the same.

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STATEMENT OF THE MANAGERS ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE

The managers on the part of the House at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2513) to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to require certain new packages of imported articles to be marked to indicate the country of origin, and for other purposes, submit the following statement in explanation of the effect of the action agreed upon by the conferees and recommended in the accompanying conference report:

Section 304 of the Tariff Act requires (with certain exceptions) articles of foreign origin to be marked in such manner as to indicate to an ultimate purchaser in the United States the English name of the country of origin. Under subdivision (J) of section 304(a)(3) of such act, the Secretary of the Treasury may by regulations authorize the exception of any article from the requirements of marking if the article is of a class or kind with respect to which the Secretary of the Treasury has given notice by publication in the weekly Treasury Decisions within 2 years after July 1, 1937, that articles of such class or kind were imported in substantial quantities during the 5-year period immediately preceding January 1, 1937, and were not required during such period to be marked to indicate their origin. This subdivision (J) includes a proviso under which the exception was to be inapplicable in certain circumstances.

The effect of the Senate amendment is to substitute for the existing proviso a new proviso under which the subdivision (J) exception is not to apply to sawed lumber. The Senate amendment further provided, in effect, that no trade agreement or other international agreement heretofore or hereafter entered into by the United States is to be applied in a manner inconsistent with the requirements of this new provision.

The House recedes with an amendment substituting new language for the language of the Senate amendment. Under the conference agreement, this subdivision (J) exception will be inapplicable to sawed lumber entered or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption after March 31, 1964; and no trade agreement or other international agreement heretofore or hereafter entered into by the United States is to be applied in a manner inconsistent with this new provision. For this purpose, the term "sawed lumber" is intended to include rough, dressed, or worked lumber.

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