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H. R. 1505

To modify the prohibition on recognition by United States courts of certain rights relating to certain marks, trade names, or commercial names.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 9, 2023

Mr. ISSA (for himself and Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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 “No Stolen Trademarks
5 Honored in America Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. MODIFICATION OF PROHIBITION.**

7 Section 211 of the Department of Commerce and Re-
8 lated Agencies Appropriations Act, 1999 (as contained in
9 section 101(b) of division A of Public Law 105–277; 112
10 Stat. 2681–88) is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (a)(2)—

2 (A) by inserting “or entity of the executive
3 branch” after “U.S. court”;

4 (B) by striking “by a designated national”;
5 and

6 (C) by inserting before the period “that
7 was used in connection with a business or as-
8 sets that were confiscated unless the original
9 owner of the mark, trade name, or commercial
10 name, or the bonafide successor-in-interest has
11 expressly consented”;

12 (2) in subsection (b)—

13 (A) by inserting “or entity of the executive
14 branch” after “U.S. court”; and

15 (B) by striking “by a designated national
16 or its successor-in-interest”;

17 (3) by redesignating subsection (d) as sub-
18 section (e);

19 (4) by inserting after subsection (c) the fol-
20 lowing:

21 “(d) Subsections (a)(2) and (b) of this section shall
22 apply only if the person or entity asserting the rights knew
23 or had reason to know at the time when the person or
24 entity acquired the rights asserted that the mark, trade
25 name, or commercial name was the same as or substan-

1 tially similar to a mark, trade name, or commercial name
2 that was used in connection with a business or assets that
3 were confiscated.”; and

4 (5) in subsection (e), as so redesignated, by
5 striking “In this section:” and all that follows
6 through “(2) The term” and inserting “In this sec-
7 tion, the term”.

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