

Freedom to Export to Cuba Act of 2015

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Section-by-Section

To lift the trade embargo on Cuba

Section 1. Short title

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Section 2. Removal of Provisions Restricting Trade with Cuba

Repeals or amends current laws restricting trade with Cuba.

- a) Repeals section 620(a)(1) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, which contains the prohibition on assistance and the authority for the embargo.
- b) Removes authority for the President to continue the embargo on Cuba under the Trading with the Enemy Act.
- c) Repeals sections-related provisions of the Cuban Democracy Act of 1992 (including authority for sanctions against Cuban trading partners (22 USC 6003); and restrictions on transactions between U.S.-owned or controlled firms and Cuba limitation on direct shipping between Cuban and U.S. ports, and restrictions on remittances (22 USC 6005). Repeals provision that references sanctions repealed in this section (22 USC 6007).
- d) Repeals the embargo-related provisions of the Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity (LIBERTAD) Act of 1996: enforcement and codification of the embargo (22 USC 6032); prohibition on indirect financing of Cuba (22 USC 6033). Strikes reference to 22 USC 6032 in section authorizing support to democracy and human rights groups (22 USC 6039(a))
- e) Amends the Trade Sanctions Reform and Export Enhancement Act of 2000 to remove Cuba from the list of state sponsors of terrorism subject to agricultural and medical export restrictions. Repeals prohibition on Cuban imports (22 U.S.C. 7208).

What this bill does not do:

This bill is intended to lift the embargo. It does not repeal human rights or property claims provisions of previous legislation.