

LEGISLATIVE MANDATE FOR 1998 REPORT

The Omnibus Trade and Competitiveness Act of 1988
Subtitle G - Financial Reports

SEC 3601. SHORT TITLE

This subtitle may be cited as the "Financial Reports Act of 1988."

SEC 3602. QUADRENNIAL REPORTS ON FOREIGN TREATMENT OF UNITED STATES FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS.

Not less frequently than every four years, beginning December 1, 1990, the Secretary of the Treasury, in conjunction with the Secretary of State, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, the Comptroller of the Currency, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Securities Exchange Commission, and the Department of Commerce, shall report to the Congress on: (1) the foreign countries from which foreign financial services institutions have entered into the business of providing financial services in the United States; (2) the kinds of financial services which are being offered; (3) the extent to which foreign countries deny national treatment to United States banking organizations and securities companies; and (4) the efforts undertaken by the United States to eliminate such discrimination. The report shall focus on those countries in which there are significant denials of national treatment which impact United States financial firms. The report shall also describe the progress of discussions pursuant to section 3603.

SEC 3603. FAIR TRADE IN FINANCIAL SERVICES.

(a) DISCUSSIONS – When advantageous the President or his designee shall conduct discussions with the governments of countries that are major financial centers, aimed at:

- (1) ensuring the United States banking organizations and securities companies have access to foreign markets and receive national treatment in those markets;
- (2) reducing or eliminating barriers to, and other distortions of, international trade in financial services;
- (3) achieving reasonable comparability in the types of financial services permissible for financial service companies; and
- (4) developing uniform supervisory standards for banking organizations and securities companies, including uniform capital standards.

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(b) **CONSULTATION BEFORE DISCUSSION** – Before entering into those discussions, the President or his designee shall consult with the committees of jurisdiction in the Senate and the House of Representatives.

(c) **RECOMMENDATIONS** – After completing those discussions and after consultation with the committees of jurisdiction, the President shall transmit to the Congress any recommendations that have emerged from those discussions. Any recommendations for changes in United States financial laws or practices shall be accompanied by a description of the changes in foreign financial laws or practices that would accompany action by the Congress, and by an explanation of the benefits that would accrue to the United States from adoption of the recommendations.

(d) **CONSTRUCTION OF SECTION** – Nothing in this section may be construed as prior approval of any legislation which may be necessary to implement any recommendations resulting from discussions under this section.