

116TH CONGRESS  
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To amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide for reciprocal marketing approval of certain drugs, biological products, and devices that are authorized to be lawfully marketed abroad, and for other purposes.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Mr. LEE, and Mr. BRAUN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

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**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 “Reciprocity Ensures  
5 Streamlined Use of Lifesaving Treatments for  
6 Coronavirus Patients Act of 2020”.

1 **SEC. 2. RECIPROCAL MARKETING APPROVAL FOR CERTAIN**  
2 **DRUGS, BIOLOGICAL PRODUCTS, AND DE-**  
3 **VICES.**

4 The Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act is amend-  
5 ed by inserting after section 524A of such Act (21 U.S.C.  
6 360n-1) the following:

7 **“SEC. 524B. RECIPROCAL MARKETING APPROVAL.**

8 “(a) IN GENERAL.—A covered product with recip-  
9 rocal marketing approval in effect under this section is  
10 deemed to be subject to an application or premarket notifi-  
11 cation for which an approval or clearance is in effect under  
12 section 505(c), 510(k), or 515 of this Act or section  
13 351(a) of the Public Health Service Act, as applicable.

14 “(b) ELIGIBILITY.—The Secretary shall, with respect  
15 to a covered product, grant reciprocal marketing approval  
16 if—

17 “(1) the sponsor of the covered product submits  
18 a request for reciprocal marketing approval; and

19 “(2) the request demonstrates to the Sec-  
20 retary’s satisfaction that—

21 “(A) the covered product is authorized to  
22 be lawfully marketed in one or more of the  
23 countries included in the list under section  
24 802(b)(1) for the treatment or prevention the  
25 coronavirus or another disease of epidemic po-  
26 tential;

1           “(B) absent reciprocal marketing approval,  
2           the covered product is not approved or cleared  
3           for marketing, as described in subsection (a);

4           “(C) the Secretary has not, because of any  
5           concern relating to the safety or effectiveness of  
6           the covered product, rescinded or withdrawn  
7           any such approval or clearance;

8           “(D) the authorization to market the cov-  
9           ered product in one or more of the countries in-  
10          cluded in the list under section 802(b)(1) has  
11          not, because of any concern relating to the safe-  
12          ty or effectiveness of the covered product, been  
13          rescinded or withdrawn;

14          “(E) the covered product is not a banned  
15          device under section 516; and

16          “(F) there is a public health or unmet  
17          medical need for the covered product in the  
18          United States.

19          “(c) SAFETY AND EFFECTIVENESS.—

20                 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary—

21                         “(A) may decline to grant reciprocal mar-  
22                         keting approval under this section with respect  
23                         to a covered product if the Secretary affirma-  
24                         tively determines that the covered product—

1                   “(i) is a drug that is not safe and ef-  
2                   fective; or

3                   “(ii) is a device for which there is no  
4                   reasonable assurance of safety and effec-  
5                   tiveness; and

6                   “(B) may condition reciprocal marketing  
7                   approval under this section on the conduct of  
8                   specified postmarket studies, which may include  
9                   such studies pursuant to a risk evaluation and  
10                  mitigation strategy under section 505–1.

11                  “(2) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Upon declining  
12                  to grant reciprocal marketing approval under this  
13                  section with respect to a covered product, the Sec-  
14                  retary shall—

15                         “(A) include the denial in a list of such de-  
16                         nials for each month; and

17                         “(B) not later than the end of the respec-  
18                         tive month, submit the list to the Committee on  
19                         Energy and Commerce of the House of Rep-  
20                         resentatives and the Committee on Health,  
21                         Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate.

22                  “(d) REQUEST.—A request for reciprocal marketing  
23                  approval shall—

24                         “(1) be in such form, be submitted in such  
25                         manner, and contain such information as the Sec-

1       retary deems necessary to determine whether the cri-  
2       teria listed in subsection (b)(2) are met; and

3             “(2) include, with respect to each country in-  
4       cluded in the list under section 802(b)(1) where the  
5       covered product is authorized to be lawfully mar-  
6       keted, as described in subsection (b)(2)(A), an  
7       English translation of the dossier issued by such  
8       country to authorize such marketing.

9       “(e) TIMING.—The Secretary shall issue an order  
10      granting, or declining to grant, reciprocal marketing ap-  
11      proval with respect to a covered product not later than  
12      30 days after the Secretary’s receipt of a request under  
13      subsection (b)(1) for the product. An order issued under  
14      this subsection shall take effect subject to Congressional  
15      disapproval under subsection (g).

16      “(f) LABELING; DEVICE CLASSIFICATION.—During  
17      the 30-day period described in subsection (e)—

18             “(1) the Secretary and the sponsor of the cov-  
19       ered product shall expeditiously negotiate and final-  
20       ize the form and content of the labeling for a cov-  
21       ered product for which reciprocal marketing ap-  
22       proval is to be granted; and

23             “(2) in the case of a device for which reciprocal  
24       marketing approval is to be granted, the Secretary  
25       shall—

1           “(A) classify the device pursuant to section  
2           513; and

3           “(B) determine whether, absent reciprocal  
4           marketing approval, the device would need to be  
5           cleared pursuant to section 510(k) or approved  
6           pursuant to section 515 to be lawfully marketed  
7           under this Act.

8           “(g) CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL OF FDA OR-  
9           DERS.—

10           “(1) IN GENERAL.—A decision of the Secretary  
11           to decline to grant reciprocal marketing approval  
12           under this section shall not take effect if a joint res-  
13           olution of disapproval of the decision is enacted.

14           “(2) PROCEDURE.—

15           “(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subpara-  
16           graph (B), the procedures described in sub-  
17           sections (b) through (g) of section 802 of title  
18           5, United States Code, shall apply to the con-  
19           sideration of a joint resolution under this sub-  
20           section.

21           “(B) TERMS.—For purposes of this sub-  
22           section—

23           “(i) the reference to ‘section  
24           801(a)(1)’ in section 802(b)(2)(A) of title

1                   5, United States Code, shall be considered  
2                   to refer to subsection (c)(2); and

3                   “(ii) the reference to ‘section  
4                   801(a)(1)(A)’ in section 802(e)(2) of title  
5                   5, United States Code, shall be considered  
6                   to refer to subsection (c)(2).

7                   “(3) EFFECT OF CONGRESSIONAL DIS-  
8                   APPROVAL.—Reciprocal marketing approval under  
9                   this section with respect to the applicable covered  
10                  product shall take effect upon enactment of a joint  
11                  resolution of disapproval under this subsection.

12                  “(h) APPLICABILITY OF RELEVANT PROVISIONS.—  
13                  The provisions of this Act shall apply with respect to a  
14                  covered product for which reciprocal marketing approval  
15                  is in effect to the same extent and in the same manner  
16                  as such provisions apply with respect to a product for  
17                  which approval or clearance of an application or pre-  
18                  market notification under section 505(c), 510(k), or 515  
19                  of this Act or section 351(a) of the Public Health Service  
20                  Act, as applicable, is in effect.

21                  “(i) FEES FOR REQUEST.—For purposes of imposing  
22                  fees under chapter VII, a request for reciprocal marketing  
23                  approval under this section shall be treated as an applica-  
24                  tion or premarket notification for approval or clearance

1 under section 505(c), 510(k), or 515 of this Act or section  
2 351(a) of the Public Health Service Act, as applicable.

3 “(j) OUTREACH.—The Secretary shall conduct an  
4 outreach campaign to encourage the sponsors of covered  
5 products that are potentially eligible for reciprocal mar-  
6 keting approval to request such approval.

7 “(k) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

8 “(1) the term ‘coronavirus’ means SARS-CoV-  
9 2, COVID-19, or another coronavirus with epidemic  
10 potential; and

11 “(2) the term ‘covered product’ means a drug,  
12 biological product, or device that is intended to treat  
13 or prevent the coronavirus or another disease with  
14 epidemic potential.”.