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CURRENT LAW

"Trade and International Economic Policy Reform Act of 1987"(HR3) (passed April 30, 1987)

HOUSE

"Omnibus Trade and Competitiveness Act of 1987"/ [H_oR_o3(S_o1420)] [passed July 21, 1987]

SENATE

ADMIN POSITION

CDN POSITION

4. Nairobi Protocol/ Florence Agreement

Implements Nairobi Protocol and Florence Agreement (ie., import of educational, scientific and cultural materials).

Similar to House bill.

Supports.

Canada not signatory.

Government has taken position that it must retain ability to impose tariffs to protect publishing industry. This U.S. move might increase pressure on Canada to follow suit.

- 5. Labelling
- 6. Watches and Parts
- X BUY AMERICA ACT OF 1987

The Buy America Act of 1933 and the Trade Agreements Act of 1979 represent source legislation on government procurement.

Increases penalties regarding country of origin labelling requirements.

No provision.

Special marking requirements.

No provision.

No provisions.

Pending outcome of dispute settlement process, revocation of waiver and denial of benefits to Code Signatories would be inconsistent with U.S. obligations under Code.

Thrust of legislative proposals is directed at non-signatories to Govit Proc. Code. Provision is made for annual report of Compilance by Signatories to Code. President to invoke dispute settlement provisions of Code within 60 days for non-compilance. If action not completed within one year of initiation, country affected will be, considered as "not in good standing" and benefits of walver for Code Signatories will be withdrawn.