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(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a), members of the National Cancer Advisory Board (authorized under section 410B of the Public Health Service Act, as added by this Act) may be appointed, in the manner provided for in such section, at any time after the date of enactment of this Act. Such officers shall be compensated from the date they first take office, at the rates provided for in such section 410B.

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AN ACT

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To amend the Fishermen's Protective Act of 1967 to enhance the effectiveness of international fishery conservation programs.

Fishermen's  
Protective Act  
of 1967, amend-  
ment.

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note.

Fishery  
products, importa-  
tion restriction.

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Notification to  
Congress.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Fishermen's Protective Act of 1967 (68 Stat. 883, as amended; 82 Stat. 729), is amended by inserting at the end thereof the following new section:

"SEC. 8. (a) When the Secretary of Commerce determines that nationals of a foreign country, directly or indirectly, are conducting fishing operations in a manner or under circumstances which diminish the effectiveness of an international fishery conservation program, the Secretary of Commerce shall certify such fact to the President. Upon receipt of such certification, the President may direct the Secretary of the Treasury to prohibit the bringing or the importation into the United States of fish products of the offending country for such duration as he determines appropriate and to the extent that such prohibition is sanctioned by the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

"(b) Within sixty days following certification by the Secretary of Commerce, the President shall notify the Congress of any action taken by him pursuant to such certification. In the event the President fails to direct the Secretary of the Treasury to prohibit the importation of fish products of the offending country, or if such prohibition does not cover all fish products of the offending country, the President shall inform the Congress of the reasons therefore.

"(c) It shall be unlawful for any person subject to the jurisdiction of the United States knowingly to bring or import into, or cause to be imported into, the United States any fish products prohibited by the Secretary of the Treasury pursuant to this section.

Penalties.

"(d) (1) Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be fined not more than \$10,000 for the first violation, and not more than \$25,000 for each subsequent violation.

Forfeiture.

"(2) All fish products brought or imported into the United States in violation of this section, or the monetary value thereof, may be forfeited.

"(3) All provisions of law relating to the seizure, judicial forfeiture, and condemnation of a cargo for violation of the customs laws, the disposition of such cargo or the proceeds from the sale

thereof, and the remission or mitigation of such forfeitures shall apply to seizures and forfeitures incurred, or alleged to have been incurred, under the provisions of this section, insofar as such provisions of law are applicable and not inconsistent with this section.

“(e) (1) Enforcement of the provisions of this section prohibiting the bringing or importation of fish products into the United States shall be the responsibility of the Secretary of the Treasury.

Enforcement.

“(2) The judges of the United States district courts, and United States commissioners may, within their respective jurisdictions, upon proper oath or affirmation showing probable cause, issue such warrants or other process as may be required for enforcement of this Act and regulations issued thereunder.

“(3) Any person authorized to carry out enforcement activities hereunder shall have the power to execute any warrant or process issued by any officer or court of competent jurisdiction for the enforcement of this section.

“(4) Such person so authorized shall have the power—

“(A) with or without a warrant or other process, to arrest any persons subject to the jurisdiction of the United States committing in his presence or view a violation of this section or the regulations issued thereunder;

“(B) with or without a warrant or other process, to search any vessel subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, and, if as a result of such search he has reasonable cause to believe that such vessel or any person on board is engaging in operations in violation of this section or the regulations issued thereunder, then to arrest such person.

“(5) Such person so authorized, may seize, whenever and wherever lawfully found, all fish products brought or imported into the United States in violation of this section or the regulations issued thereunder. Any fish products so seized may be disposed of pursuant to the order of a court of competent jurisdiction, or, if perishable, in a manner prescribed by regulations promulgated by the Secretary of the Treasury after consultation with the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare.

“(f) The Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to prescribe such regulations as he determines necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.

Regulations.

“(g) As used in this section—

“(1) The term ‘person’ means any individual, partnership, corporation, or association.

Definitions.

“(2) The term ‘United States’, when used in a geographical sense, means the continental United States, Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and the United States Virgin Islands.

“(3) The term ‘international fishery conservation program’ means any ban, restriction, regulation, or other measure in force pursuant to a multilateral agreement to which the United States is a signatory party, the purpose of which is to conserve or protect the living resources of the sea.

“(4) The term ‘fish products’ means fish and marine mammals and all products thereof taken by fishing vessels of an offending country whether or not packed, processed, or otherwise prepared for export in such country or within the jurisdiction thereof.”

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