

Expediting Natural Gas Exports to Allies Act

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The *Expediting Natural Gas Exports to Allies Act* would expand expedited export license approval for exporting natural gas to a list of strategic partner and allied countries.

Under current law, exporting natural gas to countries with which the United States maintains Free Trade Agreements (FTA) are deemed by the U.S. Department of Energy to be in the public interest and are approved without modification or delay.

The *Expediting Natural Gas Exports to Allies Act* would permanently extend the public interest determination to allied countries. Countries considered “allies” are countries with which the United States has ratified military alliances - NATO member states: Australia, South Korea, Israel, Japan, and New Zealand.

Countries considered “strategic partners” under the bill are Cyprus, Finland, Moldova, Sweden, Taiwan, and Ukraine and exports would be deemed in the public interest through 2026.

The *Expediting Natural Gas Exports to Allies Act* would encourage allies and partners to use a cleaner fuel source, create U.S. jobs, lower domestic and global emissions and, importantly, advance U.S. national security objectives and global energy security by helping allies and partners reduce reliance on adversaries and strategic competitors.