

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2583**

**OFFERED BY MR. PAYNE OF NEW JERSEY**

**(Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Year 2012)**

At the end of title IV of the bill, add the following:

1 **SEC. 4xx. IMPROVEMENTS TO NUTRITIONAL QUALITY,**  
2 **QUALITY CONTROL, AND COST EFFECTIVE-**  
3 **NESS OF UNITED STATES FOOD ASSISTANCE.**

4 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Administrator of the United  
5 States Agency for International Development should take  
6 the actions described in subsection (b) to improve the nu-  
7 tritional quality, quality control, and cost effectiveness of  
8 United States food assistance.

9 (b) **ACTIONS DESCRIBED.**—The actions referred to in  
10 subsection (a) are the following:

11 (1) Adopt new specifications and formulations  
12 for food aid products, including fortified-blended  
13 foods (FBFs), and grain premixes containing micro-  
14 nutrients.

15 (2) Develop new program guidance to facilitate  
16 improved matching of products to purposes having  
17 nutritional intent, including an updated commodity  
18 reference guide and decision tools.

1           (3) Convene a new Interagency Food Aid Com-  
2           mittee to provide a “one-stop shop” for whole-of-  
3           government technical actions in food aid and inter-  
4           face with industry and implementing partners.

5           (4) Explore and test options for improved pack-  
6           aging and storage of products to improve shelf life  
7           and promote recommended usage by intended bene-  
8           ficiaries, and establish a multi-stakeholder working  
9           group to oversee field-testing of products.

10          (5) Undertake reforms in commodity acquisi-  
11          tion and supply chain management, drawing on best  
12          commercial practices for vendor selection, quality as-  
13          surance standards, and auditing.

14          (6) Develop mechanisms and partnerships to fa-  
15          cilitate more private sector development and innova-  
16          tion in food aid products, packaging, and delivery in  
17          order to improve the cost-effectiveness, nutritional  
18          quality, and overall acceptability of the product.

19          (7) Develop clear guidance, in coordination with  
20          the Coordinator of United States Government Activi-  
21          ties to Combat HIV/AIDS Globally and the Presi-  
22          dent’s Emergency Fund for AIDS Relief in Africa  
23          (PEPFAR), to support allocation of funds for nutri-  
24          tion support in HIV programming, using standard-  
25          ized indicators of impact.

1           (8) Provide guidance to implementing partners  
2           on how to address nutritional deficiencies that may  
3           emerge for food aid that is the sole source of diet  
4           for recipients of emergency programs that extend be-  
5           yond one year.

6           (9) Evaluate, in an appropriate program set-  
7           ting, the performance and cost-effectiveness of new  
8           specialized food products designed to meet the nutri-  
9           tional needs of the most vulnerable groups.

10          (10) Provide guidance on whether and how best  
11          to use new specialized food products, including guid-  
12          ance on targeting strategies to ensure that the prod-  
13          ucts reach their intended recipients.

14          (11) Strengthen monitoring of commodity qual-  
15          ity by identifying and systematically tracking key  
16          quality indicators to determine the full extent of  
17          quality problems, including emerging concerns,  
18          throughout the supply chain.

19          (12) Establish process and system-wide proto-  
20          cols for monitoring and evaluation of impact, specifi-  
21          cally addressing improving cost-effectiveness.

