Purpose: To modify requirements for the piloting of uncrewed aircraft systems for fire weather and fire environment observation.


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To establish and maintain a coordinated program within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration that improves wildfire, fire weather, fire risk, and smoke related forecasting, detection, modeling, observations, and service delivery, and to address growing needs in the wildland-urban interface, and for other purposes.

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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. SCOTT of Florida

Viz:

1 On page 18, between lines 20 and 21, insert the following:

3 (3) PROHIBITION.—

4 (A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided under subparagraphs (B) and (C), the Under Secretary may not procure any covered unmanned aircraft system that is manufactured or assembled by a covered foreign entity, which in-
cludes associated elements (consisting of communication links and the components that control the unmanned aircraft) that are required for the operator to operate safely and efficiently in the national airspace system. The Federal Acquisition Security Council, in coordination with the Secretary of Transportation, shall develop and update a list of associated elements.

(B) EXEMPTION.—The Under Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of Homeland Security, is exempt from the prohibition under subparagraph (A) if the operation or procurement is necessary for the sole purpose of marine or atmospheric science or management.

(C) WAIVER.—The Under Secretary may waive the prohibition under subparagraph (A) on a case-by-case basis—

(i) with the approval of the Secretary of Homeland Security or the Secretary of Defense; and

(ii) upon notification to Congress.

(D) DEFINITIONS.—In this paragraph:

(i) COVERED FOREIGN ENTITY.—The term “covered foreign entity” means an entity included on a list developed and
maintained by the Federal Acquisition Security Council. The list shall include entities in the following categories:

(I) An entity included on the Consolidated Screening List.

(II) Any entity that is subject to extrajudicial direction from a foreign government, as determined by the Secretary of Homeland Security.

(III) Any entity the Secretary of Homeland Security, in coordination with the Director of National Intelligence and the Secretary of Defense, determines poses a national security risk.

(IV) Any entity domiciled in the People’s Republic of China or subject to influence or control by the Government of the People’s Republic of China or the Communist Party of the People’s Republic of China, as determined by the Secretary of Homeland Security.
(V) Any subsidiary or affiliate of
an entity described in subclauses (I)
through (IV).

(ii) COVERED UNMANNED AIRCRAFT
SYSTEM.—The term “covered unmanned
aircraft system” has the meaning given the
term “unmanned aircraft system” in sec-
tion 44801 of title 49, United States Code.