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¹ A list of all the reporting and determinations requirements deadlines that were enacted in the Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act (CAATS Act, P.L. 115-44), including those required in the Korean Interdiction and Modernization of Sanctions Act (KIMS Act, title III, P.L. 115-44) relating to North Korea.

² A collection of the legislation and Executive Orders on which the United States' economic sanctions regime relating to North Korea is based. The memorandum includes the amended text of the North Korea Sanctions and Policy Enhancement Act of 2016 (P.L. 114-122), the Korean Interdiction and Modernization of Sanctions Act (KIMS Act, title III, P.L. 115-44), as well as other laws.

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