

In the 1970s, Congress enacted the National Emergencies Act (NEA) and IEEPA to replace previous emergency authorities and place new limits on presidential emergency power.

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"[To] deal with any unusual and extraordinary threat, which has its source in whole or substantial part outside the United States[,]" upon declaring a national emergency under the National Emergencies Act (NEA), IEEPA grants the President the power to regulate transactions, freeze assets, and seize property.



Abbreviations: EAA = Expiration of the Export Administration Act of 1979; WMD = Proliferating Weapons of Mass Destruction; Terrorism = Committing or Supporting Terrorism; HEU = Highly enriched uranium; ME = Middle East

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