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MPAA Statement on the Senate’s Adoption of the Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act of 2015

WASHINGTON – The United States Senate adopted The Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act of 2015 (H.R. 644) today. The legislation will streamline legitimate trade, deepen cooperation between enforcement agencies and rightsholders, and address a series of intellectual property issues, including codification of the Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Center as a formal institution within U.S. Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (ICE). The following is a statement from MPAA Chairman and CEO Senator Chris Dodd:

“We are very pleased that the Senate has adopted The Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act of 2015. The motion picture and television industry relies on the protection of intellectual property rights to create and distribute movies and TV shows around the world, supporting nearly two million American jobs. This bill promotes a vibrant creative economy by providing creators with modernized tools to protect their content and increase their global competitiveness. Passing a customs and enforcement bill is an accomplishment that has not been achieved in nearly twenty years.

I commend Speaker Ryan, Majority Leader McConnell, Senate Finance Committee Chairman Hatch, Ranking Member Wyden, and Ways and Means Chairman Brady for their leadership in advancing this important legislation.”

About the MPAA

The Motion Picture Association of America, Inc. (MPAA) serves as the voice and advocate of the American motion picture, home video and television industries from its offices in Los Angeles and Washington, D.C. Its members include: Walt Disney Studios Motion Pictures; Paramount Pictures Corporation; Sony Pictures Entertainment Inc.; Twentieth Century Fox Film Corporation; Universal City Studios LLC; and Warner Bros. Entertainment Inc.

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