

HR 1910

Decent Working Conditions and Fair Competition Act

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 18, 2007
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 19, 2007
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 18, 2007
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 18, 2007
Rules Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 18, 2007
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 25, 2007

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Foreign Trade and International Finance

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 S 367	Related bill	Oct 25, 2007: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation Subcommittee on Interstate Commerce, Trade, and Tourism. Hearings held.
110 HR 1992	Related bill	May 2, 2007: Referred to the Subcommittee on Trade.

Decent Working Conditions and Fair Competition Act - Amends the Tariff Act of 1930 to revise the prohibition on importing convict-made goods into the United States to make it unlawful to: (1) import into, or export from, the United States any sweatshop good; or (2) introduce into commerce, sell, trade, or advertise in commerce, offer to sell, or transport or distribute in U.S. commerce, any sweatshop good.

Grants the President, for reasons of national interest, authority to recommend waiver of the applications set forth in this Act in connection with the goods of any country with respect to one or more of the principles and rights defined in this Act as a core labor standard.

Sets forth procedures for consideration of such a waiver.

Makes it unlawful for persons to introduce into commerce, sell, trade, or advertise in commerce, offer to sell or transport or distribute in commerce any sweatshop good.

Requires the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to enforce this prohibition as if it were an unfair or deceptive act or practice proscribed under the Federal Trade Commission Act.

Allows specified persons with standing to bring a civil action in U.S. district courts against sellers of goods, wares, articles, or merchandise on grounds of a violation of such prohibition. Lists those with standing.

Prohibits executive agencies and the Armed Forces from entering into procurement contracts for sweatshop goods.

Prohibits anything in this Act from being construed to preempt a state from regulating labor standards required in the mining, production, or manufacture of merchandise purchased by the state.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Apr 25, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Trade.
- **Apr 19, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection.
- **Apr 18, 2007:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 18, 2007:** Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Armed Services, Oversight and Government Reform, Rules, Energy and Commerce, and Foreign Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.