

HR 2997

Assured Food Safety Act of 2007

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Agriculture and Food

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Langevin, James R. [D-RI-2]	D · RI		Jul 11, 2007
Rep. Sestak, Joe [D-PA-7]	D · PA		Sep 5, 2007
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Feb 7, 2008
Rep. Rohrabacher, Dana [R-CA-46]	R · CA		Feb 7, 2008

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 11, 2007
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 11, 2007
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 16, 2007

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Agriculture and Food

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Assured Food Safety Act of 2007 - Directs the Secretary of Agriculture and the Commissioner of Food and Drugs to jointly establish a program to require all food items imported into the United States to bear a certificate of assured safety issued by the government of the country from which the item is imported.

Directs the Secretary and the Commissioner to: (1) establish certificate requirements; and (2) prohibit a food item that does not bear such certificate from being imported into the United States. Authorizes specified exemptions.

Directs the Secretary and the Commissioner, upon a food item's failure to provide the assured safety level, to prohibit the importation of any similar food item produced by the same person in the same country until the Secretary or the Commissioner inspects the production place and determines that sufficient corrective steps have been taken.

Requires: (1) heightened inspections for three years following the removal of a food item's import prohibition; and (2) inspection-related user fees on foods imported into the United States. Authorizes fee waiver or reduction.

Provides: (1) a private right of action against an importer; and (2) criminal penalties against an importer who knowingly imports a non-complying food item.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 16, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Trade.
- **Jul 11, 2007:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 11, 2007:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H7636-7637)
- **Jul 11, 2007:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Agriculture, and Ways and Means, 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.
- **Jul 11, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.