

HR 5738

Commercial Seafood Consumer Protection Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Agriculture and Food

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry. (Nov 19, 2008)

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • State: AR • Chamber: House

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 19, 2008
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 10, 2008
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 22, 2008

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Agriculture and Food

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 HR 5956	Related bill	Nov 19, 2008: Referred to the Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry.
110 S 2688	Related bill	Jul 15, 2008: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 880.

Commercial Seafood Consumer Protection Act - Directs the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) to establish a program to strengthen federal activities for ensuring that commercially distributed seafood meets federal food quality and safety requirements.

Directs the Secretary and the Secretary of Health and Human Services to enter into an agreement to strengthen cooperation on seafood safety, including regarding testing, inspections of foreign facilities, technical assistance of foreign facilities, establishing a distribution chain tracking system, and labeling.

Directs the Secretary to increase the number of laboratories certified to Food and Drug Administration (FDA) standards.

Directs the Secretary to increase the number and capacity of laboratories operated by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) involved in testing and other activities under this Act, as provided for in appropriations Acts.

Directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services to refuse admission of all imports of seafood or seafood products originating from a country or exporter if that Secretary determines the shipments are not likely to meet federal requirements. Allows admittance of individual shipments from that country or exporter on evidence from an inspection or a certified laboratory.

Authorizes the Secretary to send inspectors to an originating country or exporter.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Nov 19, 2008:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry.
- **Apr 22, 2008:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Trade.
- **Apr 10, 2008:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection.
- **Apr 9, 2008:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 9, 2008:** 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.