HR 5827

Keeping America's Food Safe Act of 2008

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Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 16, 2008

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Agriculture and Food

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Apr 16, 2008)

Keeping America's Food Safe Act of 2008 - Amends the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to require: (1) certification of any food safety laboratory or a sampling service that is analyzing, testing, or collecting samples of imported food; and (2) such laboratories or services to submit to the Secretary of Health and Human Services the results of all tests conducted on behalf of an importer.

Sets forth civil penalties for: (1) an importer that knowingly engages in the falsification of test results submitted to the Secretary; and (2) a laboratory or service that knowingly submits false test results to the Secretary.

Requires the Secretary to establish a certification program to ensure that imported food meets the food safety standards applied to food produced in the United States.

Prohibits food from being permitted entry into the United States from a foreign facility in a foreign country unless there are certifications from the facility and country.

Sets forth certification requirements for foreign countries.

Requires the Secretary to develop and maintain a website that: (1) provides information on federal food standards and best practice requirements for food preparation; (2) assists health professionals to improve their ability to diagnose and treat food-related illness and advise individuals whose health conditions place them at particular risk; and (3) promotes public awareness of food safety issues. Directs the Secretary to develop and maintain a website to provide the public with appropriate information on developing school curricula regarding food safety issues.

Establishes whistle-blower's protections.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 16, 2008:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 16, 2008:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.
- **Apr 16, 2008:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

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