

HR 7143

Food Safety Modernization Act of 2007

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Agriculture and Food

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# **Committee Activity**

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 26, 2008
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 26, 2008

# **Subjects & Policy Tags**

## **Policy Area:**

Agriculture and Food

### **Related Bills**

No related bills are listed.

Food Safety Modernization Act of 2007 [sic] - Establishes in the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) the Food Safety Administration. Assigns all the authorities and responsibilities of the Secretary of Health and Human Services related to food safety to the Administrator of Food Safety.

Transfers to the Administration all functions of specified federal agencies that relate to the administration or enforcement of food safety laws. Renames the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) the Federal Drug and Device Administration.

Directs the Administrator to: (1) develop, administer, and annually update a national food safety program based on a comprehensive analysis of the hazards associated with different food and with the processing of different food; and (2) ensure that persons who produce, process, or distribute food meet their responsibility to prevent or minimize food safety hazards related to their products. Sets forth requirements for the Administrator to carry out such duties, including: (1) requiring food establishments to register and adopt preventive process controls; (2) establishing and enforcing performance standards for food safety; (3) establishing an inspection program of food and facilities; (4) requiring imported food to meet the same standards as U.S. food; and (5) establishing a national traceability system for food.

Requires the Administrator to: (1) identify priorities for food safety research and data collection; (2) maintain a DNA matching system and epidemiological system dedicated to foodborne illness identification, outbreaks, and containment; (3) establish guidelines for a sampling system; (4) establish a national public education program on food safety; and (5) conduct research on food safety.

Sets forth provisions regarding prohibited acts, administrative detention, condemnation, temporary holds, recalls, penalties for violations of food safety laws, whistleblower protections, and civil actions.

#### **Actions Timeline**

- Sep 26, 2008: Introduced in House
- Sep 26, 2008: Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, 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.
- Sep 26, 2008: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.