

## HR 999

### Keeping America's Food Safe Act of 2009

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**Chamber:** House

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## Committee Activity

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Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 12, 2009

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Agriculture and Food

## Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Keeping America's Food Safe Act of 2009 - 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, except if the certification is not needed for the Secretary's evaluation of whether the facility's or country's standards are at least equivalent to standards applicable to food produced in the United States.

Sets forth certification requirements for foreign countries.

Requires the Secretary to develop and maintain websites on: (1) food safety issues; and (2) the development of school curricula regarding food safety issues.

Establishes whistle-blower's protections.

Revises the definition of "responsible party" to include an establishment that analyzes or tests samples of food for consumption in the United States to ensure its safety. Requires a responsible party to notify the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) within 24 hours about test results that suggest that an article of food is reportable food, irrespective of whether the party subsequently determines that such article isn't reportable food.

Authorizes the Secretary to request and, in the absence of voluntary compliance, to order an establishment to recall food that has been distributed and that presents a risk of illness, injury, or gross consumer deception when necessary to protect the public health.

## **Actions Timeline**

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