

## HR 3710

Safe Agriculture Production Act of 2015

**Congress:** 114 (2015–2017, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Environmental Protection

**Introduced:** Oct 8, 2015

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Biotechnology, Horticulture, and Research.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Biotechnology, Horticulture, and Research. (Oct 26, 2015)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/house-bill/3710>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. LaMalfa, Doug [R-CA-1]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** CA • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (19 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Costa, Jim [D-CA-16]	D · CA		Oct 8, 2015
Rep. Denham, Jeff [R-CA-10]	R · CA		Oct 8, 2015
Rep. DesJarlais, Scott [R-TN-4]	R · TN		Oct 8, 2015
Rep. Ellmers, Renee L. [R-NC-2]	R · NC		Oct 8, 2015
Rep. Fincher, Stephen Lee [R-TN-8]	R · TN		Oct 8, 2015
Rep. Lucas, Frank D. [R-OK-3]	R · OK		Oct 8, 2015
Rep. Rooney, Thomas J. [R-FL-17]	R · FL		Oct 8, 2015
Rep. Rouzer, David [R-NC-7]	R · NC		Oct 8, 2015
Rep. Scott, Austin [R-GA-8]	R · GA		Oct 8, 2015
Rep. Yoho, Ted S. [R-FL-3]	R · FL		Oct 8, 2015
Rep. Bost, Mike [R-IL-12]	R · IL		Oct 9, 2015
Rep. Newhouse, Dan [R-WA-4]	R · WA		Oct 23, 2015
Rep. Gosar, Paul A. [R-AZ-4]	R · AZ		Jan 6, 2016
Rep. Ross, Dennis A. [R-FL-15]	R · FL		Feb 1, 2016
Rep. Benishek, Dan [R-MI-1]	R · MI		Feb 3, 2016
Rep. Crawford, Eric A. "Rick" [R-AR-1]	R · AR		Feb 23, 2016
Rep. Goodlatte, Bob [R-VA-6]	R · VA		Feb 29, 2016
Rep. Valadao, David G. [R-CA-21]	R · CA		Jul 7, 2016
Rep. Nugent, Richard B. [R-FL-11]	R · FL		Jul 14, 2016

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 26, 2015

## Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Policy Area:

Environmental Protection

## Related Bills

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*No related bills are listed.*

## Summary (as of Oct 8, 2015)

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This bill amends the Plant Protection Act to allow state, local, or tribal governments to use methyl bromide as a fumigant if: (1) the use is required to respond to an emergency concerning a significant economic loss of crops to pests or diseases, and (2) the Department of Agriculture (USDA) does not object to that use within a specified time period.

The bill allows this use of methyl bromide during an emergency event regardless of whether the use is registered and included in the label approved for the product by the Environmental Protection Agency under Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act.

The bill limits the amount of methyl bromide that may be used per emergency event at a specific location to not more than 20 metric tons. The aggregate amount of methyl bromide used in the United States each year may not exceed the total amount authorized under the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer.

The bill gives USDA exclusive authority for determining which species are considered quarantine pests.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Oct 26, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Biotechnology, Horticulture, and Research.
- **Oct 8, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Oct 8, 2015:** Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.