# HR 6299

American Food for American Schools Act of 2016

**Congress:** 114 (2015–2017, Ended)
**Chamber:** House
**Policy Area:** Agriculture and Food
**Introduced:** Nov 14, 2016
**Current Status:** Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.
**Latest Action:** Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce. (Nov 14, 2016)
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## Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Garamendi, John [D-CA-3]
**Party:** Democratic • **State:** CA • **Chamber:** House

## Cosponsors (1 total)

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| Rep. LaMalfa, Doug [R-CA-1] | R · CA | | Nov 29, 2016 |

## Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Education and Workforce Committee | House | Referred To | Nov 14, 2016 |

## Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Agriculture and Food

## Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## Summary (as of Nov 14, 2016)

**American Food for American Schools Act of 2016**

This bill amends the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to require school food authorities (SFAs) to request a waiver from the Department of Agriculture (USDA) to purchase foreign commodities or products for the National School Lunch Program (NSLP).

(Under current law, Buy American provisions require SFAs to purchase, to the maximum extent practicable, domestic commodities or products for the NSLP. There are limited exceptions which permit the purchase of non-domestic products in circumstances when using domestic products is truly not practicable. If an SFA uses an exception, there is no requirement to request a waiver to purchase a foreign product or commodity, but the SFA must keep documentation justifying the exception.)

USDA may not grant a waiver for an SFA to purchase foreign commodities or products unless: (1) the commodities or products are not produced or manufactured domestically in sufficient amounts or of satisfactory quality, (2) the domestic commodities or products would be significantly higher in price than foreign commodities or products, and (3) the SFA agrees to make the waiver publicly available on its website and meet other specified notification requirements.

## Actions Timeline

- **Nov 14, 2016:** Introduced in House
- **Nov 14, 2016:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H6290)
- **Nov 14, 2016:** Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.

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