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## HR 3737

Foreign Manufacturers Legal Accountability Act of 2019

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Foreign Trade and International Finance

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**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture. (Aug 9, 2019)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Cartwright, Matt [D-PA-8]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** PA • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 9, 2019
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 15, 2019
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 12, 2019

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Foreign Trade and International Finance

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## **Foreign Manufacturers Legal Accountability Act of 2019**

This bill requires a foreign manufacturer of products imported into the United States to establish a registered agent in the United States to accept service of process for regulatory proceedings or civil actions.

Specifically, the bill requires specified agencies to implement regulations requiring a foreign manufacturer or producer to establish a registered agent who is authorized to accept process on behalf of the manufacturer or producer. The agent must be located in a state with substantial connection to the import, distribution, or sale of the product and, by registering an agent, the manufacturer or producer consents to the personal jurisdiction of the courts of that state.

Additionally, the Department of Commerce must establish, maintain, and make publicly available a registry of such agents. The Department of Agriculture and the Food and Drug Administration must also jointly report on whether to require a foreign producer of imported food to register such an agent.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Aug 9, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture.
- **Jul 15, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Commerce.
- **Jul 12, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 12, 2019:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, and 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.