

HR 1236

Imported Seafood Testing Act

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Sponsor

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 24, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 8732	Related bill	Aug 19, 2022: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

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This bill requires the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to inspect a certain amount of imported seafood each year and contains other provisions related to imported seafood.

Specifically, the FDA must inspect at least 20% of all imported seafood each year and must also inspect the first 15 shipments imported into the United States by a new exporter.

The bill also imposes various requirements and penalties for failed inspections, including by (1) requiring the destruction of a shipment that would have caused significant health risks, and (2) barring imports from a country with a pattern of failed inspections.

The bill also imposes civil penalties for knowingly making a false statement with respect to such inspections or misbranding imported seafood.

Actions Timeline

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