

## HR 1219

### Food and Agriculture Industry Cybersecurity Support Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Agriculture and Food

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#### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 22, 2023
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 10, 2023

#### Subjects & Policy Tags

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Agriculture and Food

#### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 S 2393	Related bill	Jul 19, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

## **Food and Agriculture Industry Cybersecurity Support Act**

This bill requires the establishment of a clearinghouse for food and agriculture cybersecurity resources and the development of related best practices recommendations.

Specifically, the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) must establish a publicly available clearinghouse that contains current food and agriculture industry focused cybersecurity resources.

Further, the NTIA must develop voluntary cybersecurity recommendations relating to the development, maintenance, and operation of the food and agriculture industry. The recommendations must be based on a consolidation of public and private sector best practices and be included in the NTIA clearinghouse. The recommendations must also include, to the greatest extent practicable, materials that address (1) risk-based, cybersecurity-informed engineering; (2) planning for retention or recovery of positive control of systems in the event of a cybersecurity incident; (3) protection against unauthorized access to critical functions of the industry; and (4) plans for how industry businesses should respond to ransomware attacks.

The Government Accountability Office must coordinate a study on actions the federal government has taken or may take to improve cybersecurity in the food and agriculture industry.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Mar 22, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities, Risk Management, and Credit.
- **Mar 10, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.
- **Feb 27, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 27, 2023:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on 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.