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### SAFE Act

**Congress:** 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** International Affairs

**Introduced:** Feb 15, 2023

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (Feb 15, 2023)

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### Sponsor

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Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 15, 2023

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

International Affairs

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

### Summary (as of Feb 15, 2023)

#### Securing Allies Food in Emergencies Act or the SAFE Act

This bill requires the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) to develop a strategy for averting a global food security crisis. The bill also relaxes a law requiring that certain goods be transported by U.S. vessels.

The bill authorizes USAID to procure life-saving food aid commodities to provide emergency food assistance to the most vulnerable populations in countries experiencing acute food insecurity. For certain commodities procured under this authority, the bill waives a requirement that a certain percentage of the commodities must be transported by U.S. vessels (such requirements are known as federal cargo preference laws).

The bill also removes a mandate from a federal cargo preference law relating to goods obtained by the U.S. government.

## Actions Timeline

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