

HR 7563

Food Traceability Enhancement Act

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 8, 2024

## Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Policy Area:

Health

## Related Bills

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*No related bills are listed.*

## Summary (as of Mar 6, 2024)

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### Food Traceability Enhancement Act

This bill modifies requirements relating to recordkeeping and traceability of foods that may cause outbreaks of foodborne illnesses.

Specifically, the bill reduces the maximum time for which food manufacturers or processors must retain records of high-risk foods (i.e., those that are prone to causing outbreaks of foodborne illnesses) from two years to one year. It also specifies that recordkeeping requirements for high-risk foods may not require restaurants, retail food establishments, or related warehouses to keep or share information about traceability lot codes.

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) must conduct pilot projects with members of the retail food industry to evaluate the effectiveness of investigations of outbreaks of foodborne illnesses without using traceability lot codes, as well as the feasibility of using low-cost food tracing technologies. The bill also specifies that the FDA's rule titled *Requirements for Additional Traceability Records for Certain Foods*, which was published on November 21, 2022, may not be implemented until two years after the pilot projects are completed (the rule establishes the recordkeeping requirements for manufacturers or processors of high-risk foods, which include keeping and sharing traceability lot codes).

The FDA must also report on any barriers that prevent the FDA from sharing information with the retail food industry about investigations into outbreaks of foodborne illnesses.

### Actions Timeline

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- **Mar 8, 2024:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Mar 6, 2024:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 6, 2024:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.