

SUPPORT THE SAFE AMERICAN FOOD EXPORTS ACT OF 2025

The Safe American Food Exports Act of 2025 (SAFE Act), House bill [HR 3038](#) by Representatives Randy Feenstra (R-Iowa) and Jimmy Panetta (D-Calif.) and Senate bill [S 1501](#) by Senators Roger Wicker (R-Miss.), Katie Britt (R-Ala.), Tina Smith (D-Minn.) and Chris Coons (D-Del.), will protect the U.S. agricultural economy and markets to ensure the U.S. remains a trusted partner in global agricultural animal trade.



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How is the SAFE Act important to agricultural livestock exporters?

The legislation enables the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) to proactively establish regionalization agreements with trading partners for the export of live animals, including aquatic livestock, or their products from unaffected areas of the United States during active disease outbreaks.

This legislation codifies the USDA's role in negotiating regionalization agreements that allow livestock (cattle, hogs, horses, poultry, aquaculture) and other animal products from unaffected areas of the country to be exported in the event of an animal disease outbreak. Although the USDA already works with the USTR to develop these agreements, this legislation would establish regionalization agreements and promoting robust agricultural trade policies before any animal disease impacts our nation.

This bill also creates a notification system within the Import and Export Library to prevent U.S. producers from being impacted by changes in trade status of agricultural commodities and alert the proper agencies, organizations, and State Departments of Agriculture that there have been changes in import or export status.

The National Aquaculture Association strongly requests members reach out to Mikhail Love, Mikhail_love@wicker.senate.gov, with Senator Wicker's Office or Heath Brandt, Heath.Brandt@mail.house.gov, with Congressman Feenstra to join or support the bills.