

119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 9394

AN ACT

To require the Department of Homeland Security to conduct an exercise related to agroterrorism, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Civil Preparedness for
3 Agroterrorism Exercise Act of 2026”.

4 **SEC. 2. EXERCISE ON AGROTERRORISM.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—In addition to, or as part of exer-
6 cise programs currently carried out by the Department of
7 Homeland Security, to enhance domestic preparedness for
8 and collective response to terrorism, promote the dissemi-
9 nation of homeland security information, and test the se-
10 curity posture of the United States, the Secretary of
11 Homeland Security, acting through appropriate offices
12 and components of the Department and in coordination
13 with the heads of appropriate Federal departments and
14 agencies, shall, not later than four years after the date
15 of the enactment of this section, conduct an exercise re-
16 lated to the prevention, response to, recovery from, and
17 mitigation of an act of agroterrorism.

18 (b) EXERCISE REQUIREMENTS.—The exercise re-
19 quired under subsection (a) shall—

20 (1) include a scenario involving—

21 (A) developing preparedness for
22 agroterrorists attempting to unlawfully trans-
23 port into the United States a biological agent
24 capable of adversely affecting the operations
25 of—

1 (i) the agriculture and food critical in-
2 frastructure sector; or

3 (ii) other related economic sectors;

4 (B) developing preparedness for
5 agroterrorists deploying within the United
6 States a biological agent capable of adversely
7 affecting the operations of—

8 (i) the agriculture and food critical in-
9 frastructure sector; or

10 (ii) other related economic sectors;

11 and

12 (C) collective action by participants to de-
13 termine the most effective response in man-
14 aging and mitigating the effects of widespread
15 disruption to the agriculture and food critical
16 infrastructure sector or other related economic
17 sectors as a result of agroterrorism, including
18 through—

19 (i) effectively deploying incident com-
20 mand involving the entities specified in
21 paragraph (2);

22 (ii) identifying key resources nec-
23 essary to respond to, and recover from,
24 and mitigate widespread disruption of the
25 agriculture and food critical infrastructure

sector or other related economic sectors as
a result of agroterrorism; and

(iii) determining an efficient and effective allocation of such key resources, and addressing capability and capacity gaps at all levels of government; and

(2) include coordination with appropriate—

(A) Federal departments and agencies;

(B) State, local, Tribal, and territorial agencies;

(C) private sector owners and operators of—

(i) food and agricultural facilities;

(ii) other components of the agriculture and food critical infrastructure sector; and

(iii) components of other related economic sectors;

(D) representatives of and practitioners from the emergency preparedness and response community; and

(E) other stakeholders in, and subject matter experts of, the defense of the agriculture and food critical infrastructure sector from agroterrorism.

1 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the com-
2 pletion of the exercise required under subsection (a), the
3 Secretary of Homeland Security shall, consistent with the
4 protection of classified information, submit to the Com-
5 mittee on Homeland Security of the House of Representa-
6 tives and the Committee on Homeland Security and Gov-
7 ernmental Affairs of the Senate an after-action report that
8 contains the following:

9 (1) The findings of such exercise, together with
10 associated plans and a timeline for incorporating les-
11 sons learned into future operations of the Depart-
12 ment of Homeland Security to counter and deter
13 agroterrorism.

14 (2) Recommended legislative actions for improv-
15 ing the security posture of the United States and the
16 future operations of the Department to counter and
17 deter agroterrorism.

18 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

19 (1) AGROTERRORISM.—The term
20 “agroterrorism” means an act of terrorism (as such
21 term is defined in section 2 of the Homeland Secu-
22 rity Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 101)) that threatens to
23 target or targets the agriculture and food critical in-
24 frastructure sector of the United States.

1 (2) AGROTERRORIST.—The term
2 “agroterrorist” means any actor who commits an act
3 of agroterrorism.

4 (3) BIOLOGICAL AGENT.—The term “biological
5 agent” has the meaning given such term in section
6 178 of title 18, United States Code.

7 (4) CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE.—The term
8 “critical infrastructure” has the meaning given such
9 term in section 1016(e) of Public Law 107–56 (42
10 U.S.C. 5195c(e)).

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2026.

Attest:

Clerk.

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