

114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. _____

To amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to provide for voluntary country of origin labeling for beef and pork.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

_____ introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

To amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to provide for voluntary country of origin labeling for beef and pork.

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

3 **SECTION 1. VOLUNTARY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN LABELING**

4 **FOR BEEF AND PORK.**

5 Section 282(a) of the Agricultural Marketing Act of
6 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1638a(a)) is amended—

7 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “subsection
8 (b)” and inserting “subsections (b) and (c)”;

9 (2) in paragraph (2)—

1 (A) in the paragraph heading, by striking
2 “BEEF, LAMB, PORK,”; and inserting “LAMB,”;
3 and

4 (B) in subparagraphs (A) through (D), by
5 striking “beef, lamb, pork,” each place it ap-
6 pears and inserting “lamb,”;

7 (3) by redesignating subsections (e) through (f)
8 as subsections (d) through (g), respectively; and

9 (4) by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-
10 lowing:

11 “(c) VOLUNTARY DESIGNATION OF COUNTRY OF OR-
12 IGIN FOR BEEF AND PORK.—

13 “(1) IN GENERAL.—A retailer of a covered
14 commodity that is beef or pork is not required to in-
15 form consumers of the country of origin of the cov-
16 ered commodity under subsection (a) (other than
17 ground beef and ground pork under paragraph
18 (2)(E) of that subsection).

19 “(2) VOLUNTARY DESIGNATION.—As deter-
20 mined by the Secretary, a retailer of a covered com-
21 modity that is beef or pork may voluntarily des-
22 ignate the covered commodity as exclusively having
23 United States country of origin only if the beef or
24 pork meets the requirements of clauses (i), (ii), and
25 (iii) of subsection (a)(2)(A).”.