

118TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

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To amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to establish country of origin labeling requirements for beef, and for other purposes.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. TESTER, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. LUMMIS, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL**

To amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to establish country of origin labeling requirements for beef, 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “American Beef Label-  
5 ing Act of 2023”.

6 **SEC. 2. COUNTRY OF ORIGIN LABELING FOR BEEF.**

7 (a) DEFINITIONS.—Section 281 of the Agricultural  
8 Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1638) is amended—

1           (1) by redesignating paragraphs (1) through  
2           (7) as paragraphs (2) through (8), respectively;

3           (2) by inserting before paragraph (2) (as so re-  
4           designated) the following:

5           “(1) BEEF.—The term ‘beef’ means meat pro-  
6           duced from cattle (including veal).”; and

7           (3) in subparagraph (A) of paragraph (2) (as  
8           so redesignated)—

9           (A) in clause (i), by inserting “, beef,”  
10          after “lamb”; and

11          (B) in clause (ii), by inserting “, ground  
12          beef,” after “lamb”.

13          (b) NOTICE OF COUNTRY OF ORIGIN.—Section  
14          282(a)(2) of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7  
15          U.S.C. 1638a(a)(2)) is amended—

16          (1) in the paragraph heading, by inserting  
17          “BEEF,” after “FOR”;

18          (2) in each of subparagraphs (A) through (D),  
19          by inserting “beef,” before “lamb” each place it ap-  
20          pears; and

21          (3) in subparagraph (E)—

22          (A) in the subparagraph heading, by in-  
23          serting “BEEF,” after “GROUND”; and

24          (B) by inserting “ground beef,” before  
25          “ground lamb” each place it appears.

1 (c) MEANS OF REINSTATING MCOOL FOR BEEF.—

2 (1) DETERMINATION OF MEANS.—Not later  
3 than 180 days after the date of enactment of this  
4 Act, the United States Trade Representative, in con-  
5 sultation with the Secretary of Agriculture, shall de-  
6 termine a means of reinstating mandatory country  
7 of origin labeling for beef in accordance with the  
8 amendments made by subsections (a) and (b) that is  
9 in compliance with all applicable rules of the World  
10 Trade Organization.

11 (2) IMPLEMENTATION OF MEANS.—Not later  
12 than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act,  
13 the United States Trade Representative and the Sec-  
14 retary of Agriculture shall implement the means de-  
15 termined under paragraph (1).

16 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
17 subsections (a) and (b) take effect on the earlier of—

18 (1) the date on which the Secretary of Agri-  
19 culture publishes a determination in the Federal  
20 Register that the means determined under para-  
21 graph (1) of subsection (c) have been implemented  
22 under paragraph (2) of that subsection; and

23 (2) the date that is 1 year after the date of en-  
24 actment of this Act.