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H. R. 5818

To amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to prohibit retailers from designating the United States as the country of origin of foreign beef, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 24, 2025

Ms. HAGEMAN (for herself, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. DAVIDSON, Mr. MASSIE, Mr. ROY, and Mr. GOSAR) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

A BILL

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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 “Country of Origin La-
5 beling Enforcement Act of 2025”.

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).”;

7 (3) in paragraph (2)(A)(i) (as so redesignated),
8 by striking “lamb and venison” and inserting “beef,
9 lamb, and venison”; and

10 (4) in paragraph (2)(A)(ii) (as so redesignated),
11 by striking “ground lamb and ground venison” and
12 inserting “ground beef, ground lamb, and ground
13 venison”.

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

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

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

22 (3) in subparagraph (E)—

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

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

3 (c) ENFORCEMENT.—Section 283(b) of the Agricul-
4 tural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1638b(b)) is
5 amended by striking “\$1,000 for each violation” and in-
6 serting “\$1,000 for each violation (or in the case of a cov-
7 ered commodity that is beef, \$5,000 for each pound of
8 beef not in compliance with the requirements of section
9 282)”.

10 (d) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—No ruling by the
11 World Trade Organization or by any other international
12 organization of which the United States is a member that
13 is established before, on, or after the date of enactment
14 of this Act may be construed to limit, alter, or affect the
15 authority of the Secretary of Agriculture to require coun-
16 try of origin labeling in accordance with the amendments
17 made by this section.

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