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# H. R. 8414

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania (for himself and Mr. RILEY of New York) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## 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 “Defending Against  
5       Imitations and Replacements of Yogurt, milk, and cheese  
6       to Promote Regular Intake of Dairy Everyday Act” or the  
7       “DAIRY PRIDE Act”.

8       **SEC. 2. PURPOSE.**

9       It is the purpose of this Act to establish that no food  
10       may be introduced or delivered for introduction into inter-  
11       state commerce using a name for a standardized dairy

1 product if the food does not meet the criterion set forth  
2 for dairy products under paragraph (z)(2) of section 403  
3 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C.  
4 343) (as added by section 3(a)) or the requirements for  
5 imitation of another food under paragraph (c) of section  
6 403 of such Act.

7 **SEC. 3. ENFORCEMENT OF DEFINITION.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 403 of the Federal Food,  
9 Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 343) is amended by  
10 adding at the end the following:

11 “(z)(1) If it uses the name for a standardized dairy  
12 product described in subparagraph (3) and the food does  
13 not meet—

14 (A) the criterion for being a dairy product, as  
15 described in subparagraph (2); or

16 (B) the requirements for imitation of another  
17 food under paragraph (c).

18 “(2) For purposes of this paragraph, a food is a dairy  
19 product only if the food is, contains as a primary ingre-  
20 dient, or is derived from, the lacteal secretion, practically  
21 free from colostrum, obtained by the complete milking of  
22 one or more hooved mammals.

23 “(3) A name for a standardized dairy product de-  
24 scribed in this subparagraph means the dairy product  
25 terms described in parts 131 and 133 of subchapter B

1 of chapter I of title 21, Code of Federal Regulations, and  
2 sections 135.110, 135.115, and 135.140 of title 21, Code  
3 of Federal Regulations (or any successor regulations), or  
4 any other term for which the Secretary has promulgated  
5 a standard of identity with respect to a food that is formu-  
6 lated with a dairy product (as described in subparagraph  
7 (2)) as the primary ingredient.”.

8 (b) GUIDANCE.—

9 (1) NEW GUIDANCE.—The Secretary of Health  
10 and Human Services, acting through the Commis-  
11 sioner of Food and Drugs, shall—

12 (A) not later than 90 days after the date  
13 of enactment of this Act, issue draft guidance  
14 on how enforcement of the amendment made by  
15 subsection (a) will be carried out; and

16 (B) not later than 180 days after the date  
17 of enactment of this Act, issue final guidance  
18 on such enforcement.

19 (2) EFFECT ON CERTAIN PREVIOUS GUID-  
20 ANCE.—Effective on the date of enactment of this  
21 Act, any guidance issued by the Secretary of Health  
22 and Human Services, acting through the Commis-  
23 sioner of Food and Drugs, that is not consistent  
24 with paragraph (z) of section 403 of the Federal  
25 Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 343), as

1        added by subsection (a), shall have no force or ef-  
2        fect.

3        (c) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 2 years  
4 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of  
5 Health and Human Services, acting through the Commis-  
6 sioner of Food and Drugs, shall report to Congress on en-  
7 forcement actions taken under paragraph (z) of section  
8 403 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21  
9 U.S.C. 343), as added by subsection (a), including warn-  
10 ings issued pursuant to such paragraph and penalties as-  
11 sessed under section 303 of such Act (21 U.S.C. 333) with  
12 respect to such paragraph. If food that is misbranded  
13 under section 403(z) of such Act is offered for sale in  
14 interstate commerce at the time of such report, the Com-  
15 missioner of Food and Drugs shall include in such report  
16 an updated plan for enforcement with respect to such  
17 food.

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