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H. R. 1371

To amend the Federal Meat Inspection Act to require that imported meat, and meat food products containing imported meat, bear a label identifying the country of origin.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 17, 1997

Mrs. CHENOWETH (for herself and Mr. POMEROY) 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 “Imported Meat Label-
5 ing Act of 1997”.

1 **SEC. 2 COUNTRY OF ORIGIN LABELING OF IMPORTED**
2 **MEAT AND MEAT FOOD PRODUCTS.**

3 (a) LABELING REQUIRED.—Section 1(n) of the Fed-
4 eral Meat Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 601(n)) is amended
5 by adding at the end the following:

6 “(13)(A) If it is imported into the United
7 States unless is bears or is accompanied by labeling
8 that identifies the country of origin of the animal
9 that is the source of the imported carcass, part
10 thereof, or meat or is part of the contents of the im-
11 ported meat food product.

12 “(B) If it is a meat food product prepared in
13 the United States using any carcass, part thereof, or
14 meat imported into the United States unless the
15 meat food product bears or is accompanied by label-
16 ing that identifies the country origin of the animal
17 that is the source of the imported carcass, part
18 thereof, or meat.

19 “(C) In this paragraph, the term ‘country of or-
20 igin’ means the country or countries in which an
21 animal is raised before slaughter.”.

22 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 1(n) of
23 the Federal Meat Inspection Act is amended—

24 (1) by striking “if” at the beginning of each of
25 paragraphs (1) through (12) and inserting “If”;

1 (2) by striking the semicolon at the end of each
2 of paragraphs (1) through (10) and inserting a pe-
3 riod; and

4 (3) in paragraph (11), by striking “; or” at the
5 end and inserting a period.

6 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
7 this section shall take effect 1 year after the date of enact-
8 ment of this Act.

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