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To amend section 304 of the Tariff Act of 1930 to require the marking of frozen produce with the country of origin on the front panel of the package for retail sale.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 31, 1997

Mr. EVERETT (for himself, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. BARCIA, Mr. BOEHNER, Mr. BONO, Mr. BOYD, Mr. CALLAHAN, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. DELLUMS, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. FARR of California, Mr. FILNER, Mr. FOLEY, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. HUNTER, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. KUCINICH, Mr. MCHUGH, Mr. McNULTY, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Mr. MILLER of California, Mr. NEY, Mr. POSHARD, Mr. RILEY, Ms. RIVERS, Mr. ROHRABACHER, Mr. SOUDER, Mr. SPRATT, Mr. STUMP, Mr. TANNER, and Mrs. THURMAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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. MARKING OF FROZEN PRODUCE.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 304 of the Tariff Act of
5 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1304) is amended—

1 (1) by redesignating subsections (h) through (k)
2 as subsections (i) through (l), respectively; and

3 (2) by inserting after subsection (g) the follow-
4 ing new subsection:

5 “(h) FROZEN PRODUCE.—

6 “(1) MARKING OF FROZEN PRODUCE.—Unless
7 otherwise excepted under paragraph (3) of sub-
8 section (a), frozen produce shall be marked, on the
9 front panel of its package for retail sale, with the
10 country of origin of the produce in permanent, indel-
11 ible, and clearly legible print or type.

12 “(2) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this subsection:

13 “(A) FROZEN PRODUCE.—The term ‘fro-
14 zen produce’ means—

15 “(i) frozen vegetables or mixtures of
16 frozen vegetables provided for in chapter 7
17 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the
18 United States; and

19 “(ii) frozen fruits or mixtures of fro-
20 zen fruits provided for in chapter 8 of such
21 Schedule.

22 “(B) FRONT PANEL.—The ‘front panel’ of
23 a package is that part of the package that is
24 most likely to be displayed, presented, shown,

1 or examined by the ultimate purchaser under
2 customary conditions of display for retail sale.”.

3 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 304(j) of
4 such Act, as redesignated by subsection (a)(1), is amended
5 by striking “subsection (h)” and inserting “subsection
6 (i)”.

7 **SEC. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

8 The amendments made by section 1 apply to goods
9 entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption,
10 after the end of the 18-month period beginning on the date
11 of the enactment of this Act.

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