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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.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 6, 1999

Mrs. CHENOWETH (for herself, Mr. POMEROY, Mr. TRAFICANT, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. FARR of California, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. STUMP, Mr. WATKINS, Mrs. CUBIN, Mr. McHUGH, Mrs. BONO, Mr. NETHERCUTT, Mr. HERGER, Mr. HILL of Montana, Mr. THUNE, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. ROHRABACHER, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. EDWARDS, Mrs. EMERSON, Mr. PICKERING, Mr. SOUDER, Mrs. THURMAN, Mr. LATOURETTE, Mr. COBURN, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. KUCINICH, Mr. REGULA, Mr. CHAMBLISS, and Mr. WELDON of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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## A BILL

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.

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 1999”.

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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