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H. R. 3552

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. CHENOWETH-HAGE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committees on Commerce, and Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Food Equality Detec-
5 tion Act of 2000”.

1 **SEC. 2. STANDARDS FOR IMPORTED AGRICULTURAL PROD-**
2 **UCTS.**

3 No agricultural product shall be entered into the cus-
4 toms territory of the United States unless the product—

5 (1) is subjected to the same control or inspec-
6 tion procedures, and

7 (2) meets the same sanitary or phytosanitary
8 standards,

9 that apply to that agricultural product if produced in the
10 United States.

11 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

12 In this Act:

13 (1) **AGRICULTURAL PRODUCT.**—The term “ag-
14 ricultural product” means any agricultural com-
15 modity, food, feed, fiber, or livestock, and insects,
16 and any product thereof.

17 (2) **APPROVAL PROCEDURE.**—The term “ap-
18 proval procedure” means any registration, notifica-
19 tion, or other mandatory administrative procedure
20 for granting permission for a good or service to be
21 produced, marketed, or used for a stated purpose or
22 under stated conditions.

23 (3) **CONTROL OR INSPECTION PROCEDURE.**—
24 The term “control or inspection procedure” means
25 any procedure used, directly or indirectly, to deter-
26 mine that a sanitary or phytosanitary measure is

1 fulfilled, including sampling, testing, inspection,
2 evaluation, verification, monitoring, auditing, assur-
3 ance of conformity, accreditation, registration, cer-
4 tification, or other procedure involving the physical
5 examination of a good, of the packaging of a good,
6 or of the equipment or facilities directly related to
7 production, marketing, or use of a good, but does
8 not mean an approval procedure.

9 (4) SANITARY OR PHYTOSANITARY MEASURE.—

10 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “sanitary or
11 phytosanitary measure” means a measure to—

12 (i) protect animal or plant life or
13 health in the United States from risks
14 arising from the introduction, establish-
15 ment, or spread of a pest or disease;

16 (ii) protect human or animal life or
17 health in the United States from risks
18 arising from the presence of an additive,
19 contaminant, toxin, or disease-causing or-
20 ganism in a food, beverage, or feedstuff;

21 (iii) protect human life or health in
22 the United States from risks arising from
23 a disease-causing organism or pest carried
24 by an animal or plant, or a product there-
25 of; or

1 (iv) prevent or limit other damage in
2 the United States arising from the intro-
3 duction, establishment, or spread of a pest.

4 (B) FORM.—The form of a sanitary or
5 phytosanitary measure includes—

6 (i) end product criteria;

7 (ii) a product-related processing or
8 production method;

9 (iii) a testing, inspection, certification,
10 or approval procedure;

11 (iv) a relevant statistical method;

12 (v) a sampling procedure;

13 (vi) a method of risk assessment;

14 (vii) a packaging and labeling require-
15 ment directly related to food safety; and

16 (viii) a quarantine treatment, such as
17 a relevant requirement associated with the
18 transportation of animals or plants or with
19 material necessary for their survival during
20 transportation.

21 (5) SANITARY OR PHYTOSANITARY STAND-
22 ARD.—The term “sanitary or phytosanitary stand-
23 ard” means a standard intended to form a basis for
24 a sanitary or phytosanitary measure.

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