

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT  
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OFFERED BY MR. CARDENAS OF CALIFORNIA**

Insert after section 1613 the following new section:

1 **SEC. 1614. CERTIFICATION OF LABOR LAW COMPLIANCE IN**  
2 **PROCUREMENT CONTRACTS.**

3       The Secretary of Agriculture shall require, in any so-  
4 licitation or contract for the procurement of agricultural  
5 commodities by the Department of Agriculture in an  
6 amount greater than the simplified acquisition threshold  
7 (set forth in section 2.101 of chapter 1 of title 48, Code  
8 of Federal Regulations), a provision requiring the offeror  
9 or contractor to certify that it is in compliance with all  
10 applicable labor laws and that, to the best of its knowl-  
11 edge, its subcontractors at any tier and its suppliers are  
12 also in compliance with all applicable labor laws. Such pro-  
13 vision shall provide that—

14           (1) the contractor shall be responsible for  
15 promptly reporting to the contracting officer when  
16 non-compliance with labor laws is formally alleged or  
17 formally found;

1           (2) certification under the provision shall be  
2           considered certification for purposes of the False  
3           Claims Act; and

4           (3) the Department of Agriculture shall cooper-  
5           ate as appropriate regarding labor laws applicable to  
6           the contract which are enforced by other agencies  
7           and vigorously pursue corrective action against the  
8           contractor or subcontractors of the contractor at any  
9           tier in the event of a violation of labor law made in  
10          the provision of supplies or services under the con-  
11          tract.

