

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 119-22

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Add at the end of subtitle D of title III the following
new section:

1 **SEC. 3 ___. COUNTRY OF ORIGIN LABELING FOR BEEF.**

2 (a) DEFINITIONS.—Section 281 of the Agricultural
3 Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1638) is amended—

4 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (1) through
5 (7) as paragraphs (2) through (8), respectively;

6 (2) by inserting before paragraph (2) (as so re-
7 designated) the following:

8 “(1) BEEF.—The term ‘beef’ means meat pro-
9 duced from cattle (including veal).”;

10 (3) in paragraph (2)(A)(i) (as so redesignated),
11 by striking “lamb and venison” and inserting “beef,
12 lamb, and venison”; and

13 (4) in paragraph (2)(A)(ii) (as so redesignated),
14 by striking “ground lamb and ground venison” and
15 inserting “ground beef, ground lamb, and ground
16 venison”.

17 (b) NOTICE OF COUNTRY OF ORIGIN.—Section
18 282(a)(2) of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7
19 U.S.C. 1638a(a)(2)) is amended—

1 (1) in the paragraph heading, by inserting
2 “beef,” after “for”;

3 (2) in each of subparagraphs (A) through (D),
4 by inserting “beef,” before “lamb” each place it ap-
5 pears; and

6 (3) in subparagraph (E)—

7 (A) in the subparagraph heading, by in-
8 serting “beef,” after “Ground”; and

9 (B) by inserting “ground beef,” before
10 “ground lamb” each place it appears.

11 (c) ENFORCEMENT.—Section 283(b) of the Agricul-
12 tural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1638b(b)) is
13 amended by striking “\$1,000 for each violation” and in-
14 serting “\$1,000 for each violation (or in the case of a cov-
15 ered commodity that is beef, \$5,000 for each pound of
16 beef not in compliance with the requirements of section
17 282)”.

18 (d) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—No ruling by the
19 World Trade Organization or by any other international
20 organization of which the United States is a member that
21 is established before, on, or after the date of enactment
22 of this Act may be construed to limit, alter, or affect the
23 authority of the Secretary of Agriculture to require coun-

- 1 try of origin labeling in accordance with the amendments
- 2 made by this section.

