

RESOLUTION OF THE  
NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' STANDING COMMITTEE  
24<sup>th</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL -- Third Year, 2021

AN ACTION RELATING TO THE RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT AND  
NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES; SUPPORTING UNITED STATES SENATE BILL S.  
2716 TITLED "AMERICA BEEF LABELING ACT OF 2021"

WHEREAS:

- A. The Navajo Nation has a government-to-government relationship with the United States of America, Treaty of 1868, Aug. 12, 1868, 15 Stat. 667.
- B. The Navajo Nation Council is the governing body of the Navajo Nation with the responsibility and authority to promulgate policies of the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. §§ 102(A) and 164(A).
- C. The Naabik'íyáti' Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council with the authority and responsibility to hear and act on all resolutions that require final action by the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. §§ 164 (A) (9) and 700 (A).
- D. The Resources and Development Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council with oversight authority over grazing, agriculture, livestock, etc. and the authority and responsibility to coordinate with the President of the Navajo Nation and appropriate Divisions or Programs to lobby the state, federal, and other agencies related to the Committee's oversight. 2 N.N.C. §§ 500 (A), (C), and (B) (6) (a).
- E. Mandatory Country of Origin Labeling (M-COOL) for beef enables United States cattle producers to compete in the retail grocery market by empowering consumers to choose to purchase their superior born, raised, and harvested in the USA beef product, or to choose a foreign beef product imported from any one of the approximately 20 countries from which the U.S. imports beef and/or cattle.
- F. When U.S. consumers choose to purchase an exclusively U.S. beef product, the demand for cattle exclusively born and raised in the United States increases.
- G. Without M-COOL, multinational beef packers and other importers can manage the demand for cattle exclusively born and raised in the United States by offering consumers substitute beef

products sourced from foreign sources without the consumer's knowledge.


- H. Such is the case in today's beef market as the U.S. Department of Agriculture estimated in 2012 that 18% of the available beef in the U.S. market is sourced either as an imported beef product or from imported cattle converted to beef in a U.S. packing plant.

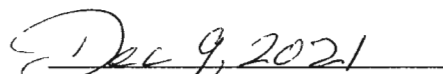
**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

- A. The Navajo Nation Council supports United States Senate Bill S. 2716 titled "The American Beef Labeling Act of 2021", attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, and encourages all U.S. Senators and Representatives to cosponsor and quickly pass this measure so U.S. consumers can begin choosing from where they want their beef produced and so U.S. cattle producers can effectively compete in the domestic market with lower-cost and undifferentiated imported beef products that currently function as direct substitutes for beef exclusively sourced from cattle born and raised in the United States.
- B. The Navajo Nation Council hereby authorizes the Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council, President of the Navajo Nation, and their designees, to support United States Senate Bill S. 2716 titled "The American Beef Labeling Act of 2021".

**CERTIFICATION**

I, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Naabik'íyáti' Committee of the 24<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council at a duly called meeting in Window Rock, Navajo Nation (Arizona), at which a quorum was present and that the same was passed by a vote of 20 in Favor, and 00 Opposed, on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of December 2021.

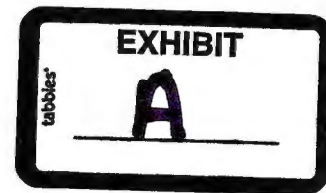
  
Honorable Seth Damon, Chairman  
Naabik'íyáti' Committee

  
Date

Motion: Honorable Eugenia Charles-Newton

Second: Honorable Edison J. Wauneka

Chairman Seth Damon not voting



117TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 2716

To amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to establish country of origin labeling requirements for beef, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 13, 2021

Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. TESTER, Mr. ROUNDS, and Mr. BOOKER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

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## A BILL

To amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to establish country of origin labeling requirements for beef, and for other purposes.

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 “American Beef Label-  
5 ing Act of 2021”.

6 **SEC. 2. COUNTRY OF ORIGIN LABELING FOR BEEF.**

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

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

3           (2) by inserting before paragraph (2) (as so re-  
4           designated) the following:

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

7           (3) in subparagraph (A) of paragraph (2) (as  
8           so redesignated)—

9           (A) in clause (i), by inserting “, beef,”  
10          after “lamb”; and

11          (B) in clause (ii), by inserting “, ground  
12          beef,” after “lamb”.

13          (b) NOTICE OF COUNTRY OF ORIGIN.—Section  
14          282(a)(2) of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7  
15          U.S.C. 1638a(a)(2)) is amended—

16          (1) in the paragraph heading, by inserting  
17          “BEEF,” after “FOR”;

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

21          (3) in subparagraph (E)—

22                  (A) in the subparagraph heading, by in-  
23                  serting “BEEF,” after “GROUND”; and

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

1 (c) MEANS OF REINSTATING MCOOL FOR BEEF.—

2 (1) DETERMINATION OF MEANS.—Not later  
3 than 180 days after the date of enactment of this  
4 Act, the United States Trade Representative, in con-  
5 sultation with the Secretary of Agriculture, shall de-  
6 termine a means of reinstating mandatory country  
7 of origin labeling for beef in accordance with the  
8 amendments made by subsections (a) and (b) that is  
9 in compliance with all applicable rules of the World  
10 Trade Organization.

11 (2) IMPLEMENTATION OF MEANS.—Not later  
12 than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act,  
13 the United States Trade Representative and the Sec-  
14 retary of Agriculture shall implement the means de-  
15 termined under paragraph (1).

16 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
17 subsections (a) and (b) take effect on the earlier of—

18 (1) the date on which the Secretary of Agri-  
19 culture publishes a determination in the Federal  
20 Register that the means determined under para-  
21 graph (1) of subsection (c) have been implemented  
22 under paragraph (2) of that subsection; and

23 (2) the date that is 1 year after the date of en-  
24 actment of this Act.

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# NAVAJO NATION

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12/9/2021

Naa'bik'iyati' Committee Regular Meeting

11:11:42 AM

Amd# to Amd#	Consent Agenda	PASSED
MOT Charles-Newton	Legislations: 0195-21,	
SEC Wauneka, E	0228-21, 0243-21, 0254-21	

Yeas : 20

Nays : 0

Excused : 1

Not Voting : 2

## Yea : 20

Begay, E	Crotty	Nez, R	Tso, E
Begay, K	Daniels	Slater, C	Tso, O
Begay, P	Freeland, M	Stewart, W	Wauneka, E
Brown	Henio, J	Tso, C	Yazzie
Charles-Newton	James, V	Tso, D	Yellowhair

## Nay : 0

## Excused : 1

Smith

## Not Voting : 2

Walker, T	Halona, P
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Presiding Speaker: Damon