

SUBPART 4-BUREAU OF REGULATORY SERVICES  
CHAPTER 06-Country of Origin Labeling

Definitions

100 — For the purpose of this chapter, the following terms are defined as:

1. ~~Meat~~ — means the fresh and frozen muscle cuts of beef and includes ground beef.
2. ~~Person~~ — means any individual, firm, company, corporation, partnership, association or other business entity that sells meat at the retail level to the ultimate consumer.
3. ~~Unprocessed~~ — means the meat contains no added ingredients and is in its raw fresh or frozen state.

(Adopted November 6, 2002.)

Notice of Country of Origin

101.01 All persons who sell unprocessed meat, whether fresh or frozen, wrapped or unwrapped, must label the meat in English with the name of the country of origin preceded by either the words “product of” or “imported.” Additional labels in other languages are permissible as long as the requirements of these regulations are met.

(Adopted November 6, 2002.)

101.02 United States Country of Origin. Labels on meat products may say “American” or “product of the U.S.A.” only if the animal is exclusively born, raised, and slaughtered in the United States.

(Adopted November 6, 2002.)

101.03 Blended product. Product that is blended of imported meat and American meat must say “Blend of American and imported meat from ‘the country where produced’.” For purposes of this subsection, American meat is that meat produced from animals exclusively born, raised and slaughtered in the United States. The country that contributes the majority of the meat to the blended product shall be listed first.

(Adopted November 6, 2002.)

Location of Labeling Information

102.01 In General. The information required by section 101 of this chapter may be provided to consumers by means of a label, stamp, mark, placard, or other clear and visible sign on the meat or on the package, display, holding unit, or bin containing the meat at the final point of sale.

(Adopted November 6, 2002.)

~~102.02 Labeled Meat. If the meat is already individually labeled for retail sale regarding country of origin in a manner that complies with section 101 of this chapter by the packer or distributor, the person selling the meat shall not be required to provide any additional information.~~

~~(Adopted November 6, 2002.)~~

### Sign Requirements

~~103 — If a placard or sign is used on a display, holding unit, or bin as permitted in subsection 102.01 of this chapter, the sign must be at least 8 ½” x 14” in size, with a minimum of one inch lettering. All signs must be placed in such a way that consumers can distinguish which meat the sign is identifying. If a person sells only meat from one country, one sign stating that fact will suffice as long as it meets the other sign requirements in this section.~~

~~(Adopted November 6, 2002.)~~

### Application

~~104 — These regulations shall apply to all persons who sell unprocessed meat, whether fresh or frozen. These regulations shall not apply to prepared meat, which is sold at retail for consumption on the premises, nor shall it apply to meat ingredients in processed foods and fully cooked meat as defined by the United States Department of Agriculture Food Safety Inspection Service rules and regulations.~~

~~(Adopted November 6, 2002.)~~

### Purpose

100 This chapter provides the regulations to support the “Mississippi Country of Origin Labeling Law of 2009.”

(Adopted 2009.)

### Authorization

101 The Department of Agriculture and Commerce is authorized to promulgate these regulations under section 69-1-313, *Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated*.

(Adopted 2009.)

### Definitions

102 The term “retailer” means all retail food establishments licensed by the Department under *Miss. Code Ann. §69-1-18*.

(Adopted 2009.)

Federal Country of Origin Labeling Regulations for Beef, Pork, Lamb, Chicken, Goat Meat, Perishable Agricultural Commodities, Macadamia Nuts, Pecans, Peanuts, and Ginseng, 7 C.F.R. Subpart A, Excluding §65.240, Adopted by Reference.

103 The Department adopts herein by reference the current versions of 7 C.F.R. §§65.110-.500, excluding §65.240 “Retailer,” as the regulations for country of origin labeling for beef, pork, lamb, chicken, goat meat, perishable agricultural commodities, macadamia nuts, pecans, peanuts, and ginseng in Mississippi; provided, however, in said regulations the term “Act” shall be construed to mean the “Mississippi Country of Origin Labeling Law of 2009,” the phrases United States Department of Agriculture (“USDA”) and Agricultural Marketing Service (“AMS”) shall be construed to mean the Mississippi Department of Agriculture (“MDAC”), and the term “Secretary” shall be construed to mean the Commissioner of the MDAC. A copy of these regulations may be obtained at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/cool> or by calling the MDAC’s Consumer Protection Division at (601) 359-1100.

(Adopted 2009.)

Federal Country of Origin Labeling Regulations for Fish and Shellfish, 7 CFR 60.101-.400, excluding §60.124, Adopted by Reference.

104 The Department adopts herein by reference the current versions of 7 C.F.R. §§65.110-.500, excluding §65.240 “Retailer,” as the regulations for country of origin labeling for fish and shellfish as defined in the Mississippi Country of Origin Labeling Law of 2009;” provided, however, in said regulations the term “Act” shall be construed to mean the “Mississippi Country of Origin Labeling Law of 2009,” the phrases United States Department of Agriculture (“USDA”) and Agricultural Marketing Service (“AMS”) shall be construed to mean the Mississippi Department of Agriculture (“MDAC”), and the term “Secretary” shall be construed to mean the Commissioner of the MDAC. A copy of these regulations may be obtained at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/cool> or by calling the MDAC’s Consumer Protection Division at (601) 359-1100.

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