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To: National Beef Customers
Date: January 2, 2024
Subject: Product of USA Labeling

To Whom It May Concern:

The purpose of this letter is to respond to questions concerning beef products produced at our facilities concerning Product of USA Labeling.

Product of USA Labeling:

The omnibus spending bill passed on Friday, December 18, 2015 by Congress repealed mandatory country of origin labeling (COOL) for muscle cuts of beef and pork, ground beef, and ground pork. The bill deletes all references to beef, pork, ground beef, and ground pork in the law. National Beef follows the Policy Memo 080 dated April 16, 1985. The Policy Memo states: Labeling may bear the phrase "**Product of U.S.A.**" under one of the following conditions:

1. If the country to which the product is exported requires this phrase, and the product is processed in the U.S., or
2. The product is processed in the U.S. (i.e., is of domestic origin). In short, a product processed in a federally inspected establishment traditionally has been considered a "Product of the U.S."

Policy memo:

<http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/regulatory-compliance/labeling/Labeling-Policies>

A link to the pdf of the actual policy book is under the "Generic Label Approval" heading.

Consequently, products shipped from our beef production facilities carry the language of "Product of the U.S.A."

Sincerely,

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