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To Whom It May Concern:

I am quite concerned about the proposed rulemaking regarding the definition and labeling of U.S. cattle and beef products.

As an Oklahoma beef consumer and neighbor to many producers, I support the definition of U.S. cattle and beef products for labeling purposes as "born, raised, slaughtered and processed in the United States." I see no purpose in confusing the consumer to satisfy other interests. Cattle and beef products that were born and partially raised in another country *should not be labeled* as a product of the United States!

I oppose the petition submitted in September 2000, that would allow imported beef products to be fed in the U.S. for 100 days, processed in the United States and would receive a country-of-origin label, "Beef: Made in the U.S.A." Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Vickie Allbritten