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Food Safety Inspection Service
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Washington D.C.

att: Food Safety Inspection Clerk.
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I write in response to the "Food Safety Inspection Service" rulemaking concerning the definition of the "United States Cattle" & the "United States fresh beef products".

As a S.D. farmer & cattle producer I believe the American consumer deserves to know the true origin of the meat we buy. I strongly support the definition of U.S. cattle and beef products for labeling purposes as "Born, Raised and Slaughtered" in the United States. Other definitions mislead consumers and hurt the integrity of the U.S. cattle & beef industry.

As Sen. Johnson has said in the

Past - If we can buy clothing
labeled "Made in China" we sure
as heck should know where our
food (Beef) comes from.
Cattle + beef products from other
countries should NOT Be Labeled
U.S.

I understand you were only
taking comments until Oct. 9th
I'm sorry this is late - but I
felt I needed to give you my
opinion too.

Thank you for your time + attention
on this very important subject

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