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Food Safety Insp Service
Room 102 - Cotton Annex Bldg.
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Dear Food Safety Insp Service Pocket Clerk.
RE. Pocket #00-036A.

As a S. D. (rancher who believes American consumers deserve to know the true origin of the meat fed to their families) I strongly support the definition of U. S. cattle and beef products for labeling purposes as (Born, raised, and slaughtered in the United States.) Any other definitions misleads consumers.

Every thing we buy is labeled as to the country-of-origin, yet we cannot find the true origin of the beef cuts

Born - raised, and slaughtered definition for U. S. beef is the only way to go.

Sincerely

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