

118TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 5462

To amend the Federal Meat Inspection Act and the Poultry Products Inspection Act to require that the slaughter date, package date, freeze date, and country of origin be labeled on meat and poultry products.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 14, 2023

Mr. SANTOS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Agriculture

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. MANDATORY LABELING REQUIREMENTS FOR**
4 **MEAT AND POULTRY.**

5 (a) FEDERAL MEAT INSPECTION ACT.—Section 1(n)
6 of the Federal Meat Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 601(n))
7 is amended—

1 (1) in paragraph (11), by striking “or” at the
2 end;

3 (2) in paragraph (12), by striking the period at
4 the end and inserting “; or”; and

5 (3) by adding at the end the following:

6 “(13) if it fails to bear, directly thereon or on
7 its container, as the Secretary may by regulations
8 prescribe—

9 “(A) the slaughter date;

10 “(B) the package date;

11 “(C) if frozen, the freeze date;

12 “(D) the country of origin; or

13 “(E) if the country of origin is the United
14 States, the State of origin.”.

15 (b) POULTRY PRODUCT INSPECTION ACT.—Section
16 4(h) of the Poultry Products Inspection Act (21 U.S.C.
17 453(h)) is amended—

18 (1) in paragraph (11), by striking “or” at the
19 end;

20 (2) in paragraph (12), by striking the period at
21 the end and inserting “; or”; and

22 (3) by adding at the end the following:

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24 its container, as the Secretary may by regulations
25 prescribe—

- 1 “(A) the slaughter date;
- 2 “(B) the package date;
- 3 “(C) if frozen, the freeze date;
- 4 “(D) the country of origin; or
- 5 “(E) if the country of origin is the United
- 6 States, the State of origin.”.

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