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## HR 5215

Beef Origin Labeling Accountability Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Foreign Trade and International Finance

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### Sponsor

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**Party:** Republican • **State:** SD • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

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### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Foreign Trade and International Finance

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## **Beef Origin Labeling Accountability Act**

This bill directs the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR), in consultation with the Department of Agriculture, to determine a means of reinstating mandatory country-of-origin labeling (COOL) for beef that is compliant with World Trade Organization rules. (COOL is a labeling law that requires retailers, such as full-line grocery stores, supermarkets, and club warehouse stores, to notify their customers of information regarding the source of certain foods.)

The USTR must submit a report to specified congressional committees that includes (1) a description of its progress in determining a means of reinstating mandatory COOL for beef, and (2) recommendations for legislation that may be necessary and any engagement with other governments on this matter.

The USTR must also seek to enter into consultations with the governments of Canada and Mexico to resolve outstanding trade disputes related to COOL for beef.

## **Actions Timeline**

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