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Country of Origin Labeling Amendments Act of 2015. The measure passed with overwhelming bipartisan support by a vote of 300-131. Montana Stockgrowers, Wool Growers and Pork Producers applauded Zinke's vote. COOL regulations were implemented on beef, pork and lamb in 2002; however earlier this year the World Trade Organization ruled in favor of a Canadian complaint that the U.S. labeling law was in violation of WTO code. This prompted the House of Representatives to act in order to prevent retaliatory tariffs against U.S. producers. Under H.R. 2393, producers are still allowed to label their meat as made in the U.S.A., however it is not required. 'I've listened to Montana farmers and ranchers, and it's clear: Maintaining strong trade relationships with our top trade partner Canada, and our other allies, is critical to the success of Montana's entire agriculture community,' said Rep. Zinke. 'In Montana we export more agriculture goods globally than every other industry combined. Repealing COOL regulations while still allowing beef, pork and lamb producers to maintain "Made in the U.S.A." labels will return certainty to our agriculture industry and allow Montana farmers, ranchers and related trades to compete globally for years to come."" [Representative Ryan Zinke, Press Release, 6/11/15]

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According to the Northern Plains Resource Council, "Since COOL was repealed nationally in 2015, 14,000 jobs in American meatpacking facilities have been lost. Without COOL, processing meat overseas is cheaper and perpetuates exploitation of workers and the environment. United Food and Commercial Workers – the largest private-industry union representing workers at grocery stores, retailers, meatpackers, and processors – supports restoring mandatory COOL." [Northern Plains Resource Council, 3/1/22]

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