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S. 3005

To require country of origin labeling of all forms of ginseng.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 6, 2000

Mr. FEINGOLD introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Ginseng Truth in La-
5 beling Act of 2000”.

6 **SEC. 2. INDICATION OF COUNTRY OF ORIGIN OF GINSENG.**

7 (a) NOTICE OF COUNTRY OF ORIGIN REQUIRED.—

8 A retailer of ginseng shall inform consumers, at the final
9 point of sale to consumers, of the country of origin of the
10 ginseng.

11 (b) METHOD OF NOTIFICATION.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The information required by
2 subsection (a) may be provided to consumers by
3 means of a label, stamp, mark, placard, or other
4 clear and visible sign on the ginseng or on the pack-
5 age, display, holding unit, or bin containing the gin-
6 seng at the final point of sale to consumers.

7 (2) EXISTING LABELING.—If the ginseng is al-
8 ready labeled regarding country of origin by the
9 packer, importer, or another person, the retailer
10 shall not be required to provide any additional infor-
11 mation in order to comply with this section.

12 (c) VIOLATIONS.—If a retailer fails to indicate the
13 country of origin of ginseng as required by subsection (a),
14 the Secretary of Agriculture may impose a monetary pen-
15 alty on the retailer in an amount not to exceed—

16 (1) \$1,000 for the first day on which the viola-
17 tion occurs; and

18 (2) \$250 for each day on which the violation
19 continues.

20 (d) DEPOSIT OF FUNDS.—Amounts collected under
21 subsection (c) shall be deposited in the Treasury of the
22 United States as miscellaneous receipts.

1 (e) APPLICATION.—This section shall apply after the
2 end of the 180-day period beginning on the date of enact-
3 ment of this Act.

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