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**MEMORANDUM FOR AMI GENERAL MEMBERS; BOARD OF DIRECTORS;
INSPECTION COMMITTEE; WASHINGTON REPRESENTATIVES;
SLAUGHTER MEMBERS; COOL WEBINAR PARTICIPANTS**

FROM: MARK DOPP

SUBJECT: MANDATORY COUNTRY-OF-ORIGIN LABELING IMPLEMENTATION

Mandatory Country-of-Origin Labeling goes into effect on September 30, 2008. The interim final rule (IFR) published in the *Federal Register* on August 1, 2008. A memo summarizing the IFR can be viewed here: <http://www.meatami.com/ht/a/GetDocumentAction/i/40637>. Also for your review and use is an updated version of a model affidavit (click here to view: <http://www.meatami.com/ht/a/GetDocumentAction/i/40253>), as well as a one page summary of certain COOL provisions and the obligations they impose on entities in the livestock and meat distribution chain (click here to view: <http://www.meatami.com/ht/a/GetDocumentAction/i/40252>).

Please contact me at 202-587-4229 or mdopp@meatami.com if you have any questions or would like to discuss more fully the interim final rule, model affidavit, or the summary document.

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