

National Beef Packing Co. LLC.

Mandatory Country of Origin Labeling (MCOOL) – Questions and Answers

- **Links that describe and review the MCOOL process**
 - Kansas Livestock Association
 - <http://www.kla.org/PDFS/COOL%20Story.pdf>
 - Texas Cattle Feeders Association
 - <http://www.tcfa.org/COOL/COOLupdate9-2008.pdf>
 - National Cattleman's Beef Association
 - <http://www.beefusa.org/NEWSNCBAStatementonIndustry-WideAffidavitforCountryofOriginLabelingCOOL36627.aspx>

- **Who must complete a Document 1-Continuous Country of Origin Affidavit/Declaration?**
 - All sellers (feed yard/auction market/farmer feeder) of fed steers and heifers to National Beef must submit a completed Document 1 – Continuous Country of Origin Affidavit/Declaration to National Beef.

- **How often do I need to complete Document 1-Continuous Country of Origin Affidavit/Declaration?**
 - This is an evergreen document that will need to be resubmitted if the feed yard/selling organization is sold or acquired by new entity OR if the primary origin of a seller's cattle change from their original declaration.

- **When must I submit the Continuous Country of Origin Affidavit/Declaration to National Beef?**
 - National Beef **must** have a signed Continuous Country of Origin Affidavit/Declaration on file at its headquarters at 12200 N. Ambassador Drive, Kansas City, MO 64195 prior to accepting cattle from any supplier. Cattle purchased by National Beef from **September 29, 2008 forward** must have a seller's signed form on file.

 - Sellers may submit this form at anytime. Please contact your National Beef fed cattle buyer for more information or mail/fax a completed **Document 1 – Continuous Country of Origin Affidavit/Declaration** (available at www.nationalbeef.com) to:

National Beef Packing Co. LLC
Attn: Cattle Procurement
12200 N. Ambassador Drive
PO Box 20046
Kansas City, MO 64195
Fax Number: 1-816-713-8879

- **What other information do I need to provide to National Beef?**
 - Seller needs to identify the origin of each specific lot or pen on the seller's show list (example: US or USA). If the lot is a mixed origin lot or pen, seller needs to put all origins of that lot or pen (example: USA/Mexico).

Document 1

Continuous Country of Origin Affidavit/Declaration

(Document 1 is the affidavit intended for use by feed yards and others supplying cattle directly to packers)

As an affidavit is deemed by USDA as an official record of Country of Origin, I attest through first-hand knowledge, normal business records, or producer affidavit(s) that all livestock referenced by this document or other communications specific to the transaction and transferred are of _____ (country) origin. Should the origin of my livestock become other than that described above, I agree to notify the buyer/agent when this occurs.

I attest that _____ (Insert business name) has, and will maintain records of livestock origin for one year from the date of delivery of the livestock to the packer/buyer.

I attest that these records reflecting specific transactions are available for inspection for the sole purpose of compliance with an audit as described by the country-of-origin labeling provisions contained in the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 as amended. (P.L. 108-767, USCA section 1638a, 2003).

This affidavit/declaration shall remain in effect until revoked in writing by the undersigned and is delivered to _____ (agent/buyer).

Signature

Date

Business/Farm/Ranch Names/Location

Printed Name

Address/City/State/Zip Code

Example Document

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As an affidavit is deemed by USDA as an official record of Country of Origin, I attest through first-hand knowledge, normal business records, or producer affidavit(s) that all livestock referenced by this document or other communications specific to the transaction and transferred are of **U.S.A.** (country) origin. Should the origin of my livestock become other than that described above, I agree to notify the buyer/agent when this occurs.

I attest that **XYZ Feeders, Inc.** (Insert business name) has, and will maintain records of livestock origin for one year from the date of delivery of the livestock to the packer/buyer.

I attest that these records reflecting specific transactions are available for inspection for the sole purpose of compliance with an audit as described by the country-of-origin labeling provisions contained in the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 as amended. (P.L. 108-767, USCA section 1638a, 2003).

This affidavit/declaration shall remain in effect until revoked in writing by the undersigned and is delivered to **National Beef Packing Co.** (agent/buyer).

	9/10/08	XYZ Feeders, Inc., Liberal KS
Signature	Date	Business/Farm/Ranch Names/Location
John Doe	West Highway 51, Liberal, KS 67901	
Printed Name	Address/City/State/Zip Code	