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June 15, 2021  

Dear Ms. Beck:  

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) has received the petition that you submitted on behalf of the National Cattlemen’s Beef Association (NCBA) dated June 10, 2021. The petition requests that FSIS initiate rulemaking to amend the labeling regulation in 9 CFR 317.8(b) to establish a new section that would read as follows:  

“Single ingredient beef product or ground beef may be labeled as “Processed in the USA”, provided that such label displays all mandatory features in a prominent manner in compliance with part 317 and is not otherwise false or misleading in any particular manner. All other claims relating to U.S. origin, production, or processing of product are not eligible for generic approval, and FSIS acceptance of all such claims must be supported by adequate documentation. The requirements in this paragraph are not applicable to product authorized for export by FSIS.”  

Your request is being considered as a rulemaking petition under the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. 553(e)), USDA’s administrative regulations (7 CFR 1.28), and FSIS’s regulations on petitions (9 CFR part 392). Your petition has been referred to the Office of Policy and Program Development and has been assigned petition number 21-02.  

As provided in 9 CFR 392.6, your petition will be made available to the public in the FSIS docket room and will be posted on the FSIS website at:  
https://www.fsis.usda.gov/policy/petitions  

You may contact Mary Porretta, Petitions Manager, Regulations Development Staff at mary.porretta@usda.gov if you have any questions regarding the status of your petition.  

Sincerely,  

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