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With country of origin labeling (COOL) becoming mandatory on September 28th, each livestock producer will have to provide an affidavit certifying the origin of their livestock being sold.

ICA and other livestock groups worked with USDA to adopt a simple method for producers to verify the origin of their cattle.

We have included a copy of the USDA approved form for producers. This affidavit will be used to verify the origin of your cattle. The sale barns may keep this affidavit on file indefinitely to verify the origin of all cattle that you plan to sell in the future. If this is done you should only have to sign this affidavit once at each sale barn even though you may sell additional cattle later. The affidavit is continuous for all future sales as long as you do not change origin of the cattle to be sold. However, if you sell cattle that are of origin other than the United States you will have to sign a separate affidavit identifying the origin of the cattle in that transaction.

All livestock markets should have this same affidavit or a similar declaration for you to sign when you deliver cattle to their sale.

This is the first step in verifying our U.S. BORN AND RAISED BEEF and as producers we want the buyers, feeders, packers, retailers and consumers to know and identify our product as US BEEF. Please contact the ICA office at [tica@icatexas.com](mailto:tica@icatexas.com) or 512-620-0162 if you have any questions.

## Recommended Country of Origin Affidavit/Declaration Statements

**Continuous Country of Origin Affidavit/Declaration:** *(The following affidavit statement could be used by any operation in the livestock chain attesting to the Country of Origin of livestock but particularly for first-level producers.)*

**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 \_\_\_\_\_ origin. Should the origin of my livestock become other than that described above, I agree to notify the buyer/agent when this occurs.**

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

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Signature

Date

Business/Farm/Ranch Names/Location