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Submission on the Consumer Information Standards (Origin of Food) Regulations 2019

I was disappointed to learn that the new Regulations will not apply to all meat products, and/or that the current practice of stating that products include both local and imported components will be allowed to continue, without more specifics being provided.

I submit that the Regulations must apply to all meat products, and quite specific information provided when there are “mixed” components (local and overseas).

Just as we are justifiably concerned about worker exploitation in imported products, so we need to know whether meat originates in countries with bad animal welfare reputations. That applies to ALL meat products.

There is also a health aspect, as we know that some countries (particularly those that permit bad animal welfare practices that are unacceptable here in NZ) may fill their animals with antibiotics to reduce infection risks due to their bad animal husbandry practices, and we don't want to be unwittingly “dosed up”.

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