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# S. 1292

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 3, 2007

Mr. SCHUMER introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Meat and Poultry  
5 Products Traceability and Safety Act of 2007”.

1 **SEC. 2. TRACEABILITY OF LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY.**

2 (a) LIVESTOCK.—Title I of the Federal Meat Inspec-  
 3 tion Act (21 U.S.C. 601 et seq.) is amended by adding  
 4 at the end the following:

5 **“SEC. 25. TRACEABILITY OF LIVESTOCK, MEAT, AND MEAT**  
 6 **PRODUCTS.**

7 “(a) DEFINITION OF TRACEABILITY.—In this sec-  
 8 tion, the term ‘traceability’ means the ability to retrieve  
 9 the history, use, and location of an article through a rec-  
 10 ordkeeping and audit system or registered identification.

11 “(b) REQUIREMENTS.—

12 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Amenable species presented  
 13 for slaughter for human food purposes, and the car-  
 14 casses or parts of carcasses and the meat and meat  
 15 food products of those species, shipped in interstate  
 16 commerce shall be identified in a manner that en-  
 17 ables the Secretary to trace—

18 “(A) each animal or group of animals of  
 19 the amenable species (as determined by the Sec-  
 20 retary to be appropriate for each amenable spe-  
 21 cies) to any premises or other location at which  
 22 the animal was held at any time before slaugh-  
 23 ter; and

24 “(B) each carcass or part of a carcass and  
 25 meat and meat food product of the amenable  
 26 species forward from slaughter through proc-

1           essing and distribution to the ultimate con-  
2           sumer.

3           “(2) TRACEABILITY SYSTEM.—The Secretary  
4           shall establish a traceability system for all stages of  
5           production, processing, and distribution of meat and  
6           meat food products that are produced through the  
7           slaughter of amenable species described in para-  
8           graph (1).

9           “(c) PROHIBITION OR RESTRICTION ON ENTRY.—  
10          The Secretary may prohibit or restrict entry into any  
11          slaughtering establishment inspected under this Act of any  
12          amenable species not identified as prescribed by the Sec-  
13          retary under subsection (b).

14          “(d) RECORDS.—

15                 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may require  
16                 that each person, firm, and corporation required to  
17                 identify an amenable species under subsection (b)  
18                 maintain accurate records, as prescribed by the Sec-  
19                 retary, regarding the purchase, sale, and identifica-  
20                 tion of the amenable species.

21                 “(2) ACCESS.—Each person, firm, and corpora-  
22                 tion described in paragraph (1) shall, at all reason-  
23                 able times, on notice by a duly authorized represent-  
24                 ative of the Secretary, allow the representative to ac-  
25                 cess to each place of business of the person, firm, or

1 corporation to examine and copy the records de-  
2 scribed in paragraph (1).

3 “(3) DURATION.—Each person, firm, and cor-  
4 poration described in paragraph (1) shall maintain  
5 records required to be maintained under this sub-  
6 section for such period of time as the Secretary pre-  
7 scribes.

8 “(e) FALSE INFORMATION.—No person, firm, or cor-  
9 poration shall falsify or misrepresent to any other person,  
10 firm, or corporation, or to the Secretary, any information  
11 as to any premises at which any amenable species or car-  
12 casses of amenable species were held.

13 “(f) ALTERATION OR DESTRUCTION OF RECORDS.—  
14 No person, firm, or corporation shall, without authoriza-  
15 tion from the Secretary, alter, detach, or destroy any  
16 records or other means of identification prescribed by the  
17 Secretary for use in determining the premises at which  
18 any amenable species or carcasses of amenable species  
19 were held.

20 “(g) RELATION TO COUNTRY OF ORIGIN LABEL-  
21 ING.—Nothing in this section prevents or interferes with  
22 implementation of the country of origin labeling require-  
23 ments of subtitle D of the Agricultural Marketing Act of  
24 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1638 et seq.).”.

1 (b) POULTRY.—The Poultry Products Inspection Act  
2 is amended by inserting after section 23 (21 U.S.C. 467e)  
3 the following:

4 **“SEC. 23A. TRACEABILITY OF POULTRY AND POULTRY**  
5 **PRODUCTS.**

6 “(a) DEFINITION OF TRACEABILITY.—In this sec-  
7 tion, the term ‘traceability’ means the ability to retrieve  
8 the history, use, and location of an article through a rec-  
9 ordkeeping and audit system or registered identification.

10 “(b) REQUIREMENTS.—

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Poultry presented for  
12 slaughter for human food purposes and poultry  
13 products shipped in interstate commerce shall be  
14 identified in a manner that enables the Secretary to  
15 trace—

16 “(A) each poultry or group of poultry (as  
17 determined by the Secretary to be appropriate)  
18 to any premises or other location at which the  
19 poultry was held at any time before slaughter;  
20 and

21 “(B) each poultry product forward from  
22 slaughter through processing and distribution  
23 to the ultimate consumer.

24 “(2) TRACEABILITY SYSTEM.—The Secretary  
25 shall establish a traceability system for all stages of

1 production, processing, and distribution of poultry  
2 and poultry food products that are produced through  
3 the slaughter of poultry described in paragraph (1).

4 “(c) PROHIBITION OR RESTRICTION ON ENTRY.—

5 The Secretary may prohibit or restrict entry into any  
6 slaughtering establishment inspected under this Act of any  
7 poultry not identified as prescribed by the Secretary.

8 “(d) RECORDS.—

9 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may require  
10 that each person, firm, and corporation required to  
11 identify poultry under subsection (b) maintain accu-  
12 rate records, as prescribed by the Secretary, regard-  
13 ing the purchase, sale, and identification of the poul-  
14 try.

15 “(2) ACCESS.—Each person, firm, and corpora-  
16 tion described in paragraph (1) shall, at all reason-  
17 able times, on notice by a duly authorized represent-  
18 ative of the Secretary, allow the representative to ac-  
19 cess to each place of business of the person, firm, or  
20 corporation to examine and copy the records de-  
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1 section for such period of time as the Secretary pre-  
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5 firm, or corporation, or to the Secretary, any information  
6 as to any premises at which any poultry or carcasses of  
7 poultry were held.

8 “(f) ALTERATION OR DESTRUCTION OF RECORDS.—  
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10 tion from the Secretary, alter, detach, or destroy any  
11 records or other means of identification prescribed by the  
12 Secretary for use in determining the premises at which  
13 any poultry or carcasses of poultry were held.

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