

Continuous Country of Origin Affidavit for Direct Sales 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 _____ origin. Should the origin of my livestock become other than that described above, I agree to notify the packer/buyer when this occurs.

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

I attest that the undersigned business will maintain records of livestock origin for one year from the date of delivery of the livestock to the packer/buyer and 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).

Signature	Date	Livestock Marketing Business Name
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How & When to Use the Continuous Country of Origin Affidavit for Direct Sales to Packers

Intended Use: The language above is intended for use by anyone selling direct to a Packer. This may include producers, dealers, feeders/finishers and/or auction markets/marketing businesses.

For example: an auction market, that is confident that all of the weigh cows or fat cattle selling through their facility are of USA, Canadian and/or Mexican origin, should place a signed affidavit on file with their packer buyers. The signed affidavit will remain in effect until changed or revoked in writing by the auction market that submitted it or the packer with whom it is on file.

How it Works: Complete this affidavit by filling in all 5 blank spaces with the appropriate information.

If completing this as an auction market: in the space located in paragraph one you declare the origin of ***all*** the livestock that you will sell or transfer to this buyer. The origin can be declared as USA, USA and/or Canadian, USA and/or Mexican, etc. In the space located in the second paragraph you identify the packer that you are placing this affidavit on file with. In the final three spaces you will include a signature for your business, the date that the affidavit is being filed and the full name of your business.

Printing Methods: LMA recommends duplicating this language, adding your business information and submitting it to all of your packer buyers.