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To require that Federal agencies differentiate animal fats and vegetable oils from other oils and greases in issuing or enforcing regulations, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. LUGAR (for himself, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. PRESSLER, Mr. LOTT, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. JOHNSTON, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. COATS, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. INOUE, Mr. KERREY, Mr. BURNS, Mrs. KASSEBAUM, Mr. DASCHLE, and Mr. MCCONNELL) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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 “Edible Oil Regulatory
5 Reform Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 As used in this Act:

1 (1) ANIMAL FAT.—The term “animal fat”
2 means each type of animal fat, oil, or grease (includ-
3 ing fat, oil, or grease from fish or a marine mam-
4 mal), including any fat, oil, or grease referred to in
5 section 61(a)(2) of title 13, United States Code.

6 (2) VEGETABLE OIL.—The term “vegetable oil”
7 means each type of vegetable oil (including vegetable
8 oil from a seed, nut, or kernel), including any vege-
9 table oil referred to in section 61(a)(1) of title 13,
10 United States Code.

11 **SEC. 3. DIFFERENTIATION AMONG FATS, OILS, AND**
12 **GREASES.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—In issuing or enforcing a regula-
14 tion, an interpretation, or a guideline relating to a fat,
15 oil, or grease under a Federal law, the head of a Federal
16 agency shall—

17 (1) differentiate between and establish separate
18 categories for—

19 (A)(i) animal fats; and

20 (ii) vegetable oils; and

21 (B) other oils, including petroleum oil; and

22 (2) apply different standards to different class-
23 es of fat and oil as provided in subsection (b).

24 (b) CONSIDERATIONS.—In differentiating between
25 the classes of animal fats and vegetable oils referred to

1 in subsection (a)(1)(A) and the classes of oils described
2 in subsection (a)(1)(B), the head of the Federal agency
3 shall consider differences in physical, chemical, biological,
4 and other properties, and in the effects on human health
5 and the environment, of the classes.

6 **SEC. 4. FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY.**

7 (a) LIMITS ON LIABILITY.—Section 1004(a)(1) of
8 the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (33 U.S.C. 2704(a)(1)) is
9 amended by striking “for a tank vessel,” and inserting
10 “for a tank vessel (other than a tank vessel carrying ani-
11 mal fat or vegetable oil),”.

12 (b) FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY.—The first sentence
13 of section 1016(a) of the Act (33 U.S.C. 2716(a)) is
14 amended by striking “in the case of a tank vessel,” and
15 inserting “in the case of a tank vessel (other than a tank
16 vessel carrying animal fat or vegetable oil),”.

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