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To amend the Federal Meat Inspection Act and the Poultry Products Inspection Act to improve the safety of meat and poultry products.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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

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 2003”.

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

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

1 **“SEC. 25. TRACEABILITY OF LIVESTOCK, MEAT, AND MEAT**
2 **PRODUCTS.**

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

7 “(b) REQUIREMENTS.—

8 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Cattle, sheep, swine, goats,
9 and horses, mules, and other equines presented for
10 slaughter for human food purposes, and the car-
11 casses or parts of carcasses and the meat and meat
12 food products of those animals, shipped in interstate
13 commerce shall be identified in a manner that en-
14 ables the Secretary to trace—

15 “(A) each animal to any premises or other
16 location at which the animal was held at any
17 time before slaughter; and

18 “(B) each carcass or part of a carcass and
19 meat and meat food product of such animals
20 forward from slaughter through processing and
21 distribution to the ultimate consumer.

22 “(2) TRACEABILITY SYSTEM.—The Secretary
23 shall establish a traceability system for all stages of
24 production, processing, and distribution of meat and
25 meat food products that are produced through the
26 slaughter of animals described in paragraph (1).

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

2 The Secretary may prohibit or restrict entry into any
3 slaughtering establishment inspected under this Act of any
4 cattle, sheep, swine, goats, or horses, mules, or other
5 equines not identified as prescribed by the Secretary under
6 subsection (b).

7 “(d) RECORDS.—

8 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may require
9 that each person, firm, and corporation required to
10 identify livestock pursuant to subsection (b) main-
11 tain accurate records, as prescribed by the Sec-
12 retary, regarding the purchase, sale, and identifica-
13 tion of the livestock.

14 “(2) ACCESS.—Each person, firm, and corpora-
15 tion described in paragraph (1) shall, at all reason-
16 able times, on notice by a duly authorized represent-
17 ative of the Secretary, allow the representative to ac-
18 cess to each place of business of the person, firm, or
19 corporation to examine and copy the records de-
20 scribed in paragraph (1).

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

1 “(e) FALSE INFORMATION.—No person, firm, or cor-
 2 poration shall falsify or misrepresent to any other person,
 3 firm, or corporation, or to the Secretary, any information
 4 as to any premises at which any cattle, sheep, swine,
 5 goats, horses, mules, or other equines, or carcasses there-
 6 of, were held.

7 “(f) ALTERATION OR DESTRUCTION OF RECORDS.—
 8 No person, firm, or corporation shall, without authoriza-
 9 tion from the Secretary, alter, detach, or destroy any
 10 records or other means of identification prescribed by the
 11 Secretary for use in determining the premises at which
 12 were held any cattle, sheep, swine, goats, horses, mules,
 13 or other equines, or the carcasses thereof.”.

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

17 **“SEC. 23A. TRACEABILITY OF POULTRY AND POULTRY**
 18 **PRODUCTS.**

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

23 “(b) REQUIREMENTS.—Poultry presented for slaugh-
 24 ter for human food purposes and poultry products shipped

1 in interstate commerce shall be identified in a manner that
2 enables the Secretary to trace—

3 “(A) each animal to any premises or other
4 location at which the animal was held at any
5 time before slaughter; and

6 “(B) each poultry product forward from
7 slaughter through processing and distribution
8 to the ultimate consumer.

9 “(2) TRACEABILITY SYSTEM.—The Secretary
10 shall establish a traceability system for all stages of
11 production, processing, and distribution of poultry
12 and poultry food products that are produced through
13 the slaughter of animals described in paragraph (1).

14 “(c) PROHIBITION OR RESTRICTION ON ENTRY.—
15 The Secretary may prohibit or restrict entry into any
16 slaughtering establishment inspected under this Act of any
17 poultry not identified as prescribed by the Secretary.

18 “(d) RECORDS.—

19 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may require
20 that each person, firm, and corporation required to
21 identify poultry pursuant to subsection (b) maintain
22 accurate records, as prescribed by the Secretary, re-
23 garding the purchase, sale, and identification of the
24 poultry.

1 “(2) ACCESS.—Each person, firm, and corpora-
2 tion described in paragraph (1) shall, at all reason-
3 able times, on notice by a duly authorized represent-
4 ative of the Secretary, allow the representative to ac-
5 cess to each place of business of the person, firm, or
6 corporation to examine and copy the records de-
7 scribed in paragraph (1).

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

13 “(e) FALSE INFORMATION.—No person, firm, or cor-
14 poration shall falsify or misrepresent to any other person,
15 firm, or corporation, or to the Secretary, any information
16 as to any premises at which any poultry, or carcasses
17 thereof, were held.

18 “(f) ALTERATION OR DESTRUCTION OF RECORDS.—
19 No person, firm, or corporation shall, without authoriza-
20 tion from the Secretary, alter, detach, or destroy any
21 records or other means of identification prescribed by the
22 Secretary for use in determining the premises at which
23 were held any poultry or the carcasses thereof.”.

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