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Livestock Seller Continuous Country of Origin Affidavit

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 buyer/agent when this occurs.

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

Signature

Date

Livestock Marketing Business Name

How & When to Use the Livestock Seller Continuous Country of Origin Affidavit

Intended Use: The language above is intended for use by anyone selling livestock, including producers, backgrounders, stockers or dealers.

For example: It is recommended that wherever possible marketing businesses collect a signed "Livestock Seller Continuous Country of Origin Affidavit". (The seller must declare the country of origin (USA, USA and/or Canadian, USA and/or Mexican, etc.) on the affidavit of any livestock he expects to sell through your business.) Once the marketing business has a signed continuous affidavit on file from a seller, no other affidavit or declaration of origin is necessary unless the origin of the livestock being sold has changed and the seller revokes the affidavit in writing. (If a seller brings in animals of an origin different than that declared on his/her continuous declaration, they should change their continuous declaration or sign a Single Transaction Affidavit/Declaration for that particular transaction.)

How it Works: A seller will complete this affidavit by filling in the five blank spaces with the appropriate information.

If selling through an auction market: in the space located in paragraph one the seller will declare the origin of *all* the livestock that they will sell or transfer through the receiving auction market. The origin can be declared as USA, USA and/or Canadian, USA and/or Mexican, etc. In the space located in the second paragraph the seller can list or the auction market can pre-print the auction name. In the final three spaces the seller will provide a signature, the date that the affidavit is being filed and if applicable a ranch, farm or business name.

Printing Methods: LMA recommends duplicating this affidavit and distributing it to all of your regular sellers. Markets might also consider duplicating this affidavit and having their field representatives collect the affidavit from their customers prior to a consignment. Finally, to accommodate sellers that do not yet have an affidavit on file with an auction, make copies available at check in. Remember though, only someone with firsthand knowledge of the origin can sign these affidavits--truckers and transporters can not.