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STATEMENT FROM DIRECTOR GREG IBACH FOLLOWING TODAY’S ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION (WTO) ON THE UNITED STATES’ COUNTRY OF ORIGIN LABELING (COOL) LAW

“Today’s WTO ruling opens the door for Canada and Mexico to place retaliatory tariffs on goods imported from the United States. As two of Nebraska’s largest markets, such action will negatively impact our agriculture sector, especially meats and feed products.

“Canada indicates some 23 commodities currently exported from our state could be targeted. Beef and pork exports, valued at roughly \$200 million, are among the potential top impacts.

“Expeditious, corrective action is needed regarding the Country of Origin Labeling law as any delay could prove to be extremely costly to the United States and specifically to Nebraska.”

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