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CANADA ANNOUNCES POSSIBLE COOL RETALIATION

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Yesterday, Canada's Departments of [Foreign Affairs and International Trade](#) (DFAIT) and [Agriculture and Agri-Food](#) (AAFC) jointly released a list of commodities for possible retaliation in response to U.S. Country of Origin Labeling (COOL) requirements. The [list](#) includes numerous agricultural products such as beef, pork and some processed foods as well as manufactured goods such as furniture. Canadian officials claim mandatory COOL imposes unfair trade barriers and hurts not only U.S. trading partners but also U.S. industry and consumers. According to the [statement](#), retaliatory measures will not be implemented until approved by the World Trade Organization (WTO).

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