

# Country of Origin Labeling USDA's Revised Regulation

In response to the USDA's recent [ruling](#), which amended the country of origin labeling (COOL) regulations, METTLER TOLEDO has provided the following steps to assist you with the compliance of the new regulation:

## 1. Ensure scales support revised COOL data

The COOL functionality in bPro, UCST, 8461, 8361, Impact S, Impact M and UC products is capable of handling the new regulation. However, you will need to update the COOL text records to meet the new standards. (i.e. 'Product of the United States' becomes 'Born, Raised, and Slaughtered in the United States').

The 8450 does not have COOL functionality. 8450 users will either need to use extra text fields, provide in-store signage (instead of on-scale labels) or upgrade their scales.

## 2. Request the more detailed COOL data from suppliers

## 3. Import COOL data into the item database

This can be done either via METTLER TOLEDO's bSoft software, UC Editor, SmartX, WinDataBack or a third party item management program such as those provided by ADC or Invatron. Instructions for setting up COOL can be found in the product's User's Guide, which are available on the corresponding product pages: [http://us.mt.com/us/en/home/products/P\\_Food\\_Retail\\_Solutions.html](http://us.mt.com/us/en/home/products/P_Food_Retail_Solutions.html)

Contact your item management software provider to assist you in making the necessary updates.

## 4. Verify label formatting

Verify that your label formats can accommodate the revised COOL text and make adjustments to field size/location, font size, and/or label sizes, accordingly.

## 5. Additional notes:

If you are currently using the Item Description to store and print COOL data, you may find that there is not enough space to accommodate the new COOL requirement. METTLER TOLEDO recommends moving all COOL data from the item description fields to the COOL fields.

METTLER TOLEDO recommends implementing new COOL regulations as soon as possible so that any formatting issues can be resolved before November.

Please contact your sales representative with questions.



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