

# Mexico Files COOL Complaint With WTO

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(Dec. 18, 2008) — Mexico on Thursday filed a complaint about the U.S. country-of-origin labeling law with the World Trade Organization, the Associated Press reported.

The complaint initiates a 60-day consultation period between the two countries, after which Mexico can ask the WTO to set up an investigative panel if the issue is not resolved.

Canada filed a COOL complaint with the WTO earlier this month, alleging that the law will impose unnecessary costs on meatpackers using Canadian animals and that COOL could lead to more extensive and restrictive labeling requirements in other countries. (See *Canada challenges COOL through WTO*, *Meatingplace.com*, Dec. 2, 2008.)

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