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### ProcessPro Attends “COOL” Training

#### *USDA Act affects retailers, manufacturers, and even ERP software vendors*

St. Cloud, Minn., October 9, 2008 -- ProcessPro Quality Systems Manager, Shanon Odegaard, attended yesterday's Country of Origin Labeling (COOL) training offered by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) in Lakeville, MN. COOL derived from the 2002 and 2008 Farm Bills amendment to the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946. The amendment requires retailers to notify their customers of the country of origin of beef, lamb, pork, chicken, goat, wild and farm-raised fish and shellfish, perishable agricultural commodities, peanuts, pecans, ginseng, and macadamia nuts.

“The application of this ruling went into effect just this past September 30,” says Shanon Odegaard. “Because of the timing and the potential impact on the manufacturers that use ProcessPro® software, we needed to learn the new regulations right away to best help our clients.”

The implementation of this requirement affects retailers of the above listed products. A retailer is defined as any person licensed as a retailer under the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act (PACA). The PACA definition of a retailer includes only those establishments that handle fresh and frozen fruits and vegetables with an invoice value of at \$230,000 annually. The law, however, exempts food service establishments, including those within retail establishments.

The law also excludes processed food items. Any time the structure of a food is changed through cooking, curing, smoking, etc., the label on the food item does not have to include the country of origin. A food is also considered processed if it has been combined with another food component.

Under the new law, there are several record keeping requirements that retailers and suppliers must adhere to. The records must be legible and maintained in either electronic or hard copy format. The records must be attainable within 5 business days of a request made by a USDA representative.

“The biggest impact this legislation will have on current ProcessPro clients is in record keeping because any person engaged in the business of supplying a covered commodity to a retailer must make the information about the country of origin available to the buyer,” reports Shanon.

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