

Amendment No.

Offered by Rep. Mark Alford (MO-04)

Amendment Description:

This amendment will amend Title IX, the Energy Title, of the Farm, Food and National Security Act of 2024 by adding, after the bioproduct labeling report in section 9004, full terminology language and definitions for bioattributed products, biobased products, biobased plastics, bioattributed plastics, plant-based products, renewable chemical, and renewable biomass. The language also includes national uniform labeling standards to prevent inaccurate labeling and to boost consumer confidence within the marketplace.

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8467
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Page 727, strike line 5 and all that follows through page 728, line 18, and insert the following:

1 SEC. 9004. BIOPRODUCT LABELING REPORT.

2 Title IX of the Farm Security and Rural Investment
3 Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 8101–8115) is amended by insert-
4 ing after section 9003 the following:

5 “SEC. 9004. BIOPRODUCT LABELING REPORT.

6 “(a) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date
7 of enactment of this section, the Secretary shall submit
8 to the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Rep-
9 resentatives and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition,
10 and Forestry of the Senate, a report containing an anal-
11 ysis of the potential effects of a program to implement
12 national uniform labeling standards for common bio-
13 product terminology under subsection (b), including the
14 effects on—

15 “(1) consumer trust, certainty, and adoption;

16 “(2) the scope and accuracy of biobased prod-
17 uct industry data; and

18 “(3) market growth.

1 “(b) BIOPRODUCT TERMINOLOGY.—In preparing the
2 report under subsection (a), the Secretary shall consider
3 national uniform labeling standards for—

- 4 “(1) bioattributed products;
5 “(2) biobased products;
6 “(3) biobased plastics;
7 “(4) bioattributed plastics;
8 “(5) plant-based products;
9 “(6) renewable chemical; and
10 “(7) renewable biomass.

11 “(c) CONSULTATION.—In defining the terminology
12 described in subsection (b) and preparing the report re-
13 quired under subsection (a), the Secretary shall consult
14 with—

- 15 “(1) biomanufacturers;
16 “(2) entities engaged in research and develop-
17 ment of bioproducts;
18 “(3) feedstock growers; and
19 “(4) other industry stakeholders.

20 “(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

- 21 “(1) BIOATTRIBUTED PRODUCT.—The term
22 ‘bioattributed product’ means a product determined
23 by the Secretary to be a commercial or industrial
24 product (other than food or feed) that—

25 “(A) is—

1 “(i) produced from or composed, in
2 whole or in part, of biological products, in-
3 cluding renewable agricultural materials,
4 other plant-based products or animal de-
5 rived materials, or forestry materials; or

6 “(ii) a material or compound made in
7 whole or in part from biological products,
8 including renewable agricultural materials
9 (including plant, animal, and marine mate-
10 rials) or forestry materials, that are subse-
11 quently used to make a more complex com-
12 pound or product; and

13 “(B) is not a biobased product.

14 “(2) BIOBASED PLASTIC.—The term ‘biobased
15 plastic’ means a plastic product that is a biobased
16 product.

17 “(3) BIOATTRIBUTED PLASTIC.—The term ‘bio-
18 attributed plastic’ means a plastic product that is a
19 bioproduct and is not a biobased product.

20 “(4) PLANT-BASED PRODUCT.—The term
21 ‘plant-based product’ is a product (other than food
22 or feed) that is composed, in whole or in significant
23 part, of materials produced by plants or other orga-
24 nisms through photosynthesis and is a biobased
25 product.

1 “(5) BIOPRODUCT.—The term ‘bioproduct’
2 means—

3 “(A) a biobased product; or

4 “(B) a bioattributed product.

5 “(e) NATIONAL UNIFORM STANDARDS.—

6 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after
7 the date on which the report under subsection (a) is
8 issued, the Secretary shall issue rules implementing
9 national uniform standards for the use of the termi-
10 nology under subsection (b) in labeling of bioprod-
11 ucts, as the Secretary determines appropriate based
12 on the analysis in such report, to promote the mat-
13 ters described in paragraphs (1) through (3) of sub-
14 section (a).

15 “(2) STATE AND LOCAL REGULATIONS.—A
16 State or political subdivision of a State may not
17 adopt or enforce any law or regulation with respect
18 to the sale of goods affecting interstate commerce
19 that uses definitions for any term specified in sub-
20 section (b) in labeling bioproducts that are more
21 stringent than those in effect under this section.”.

