

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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PORTLAND, MAINE  
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shall utilize agreement forms and shall develop procedures which are uniform. When disbursing funds pursuant to an agreement, the department shall require accounts payable forms or supporting documentation and information which are uniform. When accounting for funds disbursed pursuant to an agreement, the department shall utilize accounting principles, policies and procedures which are uniform.

Sec. 3. Effective date. This Act shall become effective on January 1, 1978.

Effective January 1, 1978

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## CHAPTER 308

### AN ACT to Implement a "Product of Maine" Designation.

*Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:*

5 MRSA § 7002, sub-§ 2, ¶ G is enacted to read:

G. The director shall implement a program to identify goods manufactured in the State under a "Product of Maine" designation. This program shall also include agricultural, marine, mineral and forestry products processed in the State, but shall remain separate and distinct from the blue, white and red identification promulgated by the Commissioner of Agriculture.

A product shall qualify for this designation upon submission by the manufacturer or final processor of a signed affidavit which attests that the product is in fact manufactured in the State or receives final assembly or processing in the State. This affidavit shall be submitted to the director who shall then grant permission for use of the "Product of Maine" designation, who shall withdraw the permission upon finding that the contents of the affidavit are false. The director may also withdraw the permission if it comes to his attention that the product is mislabeled in a manner which is deceiving to the purchaser.

The mere packaging of a product within the State shall not be deemed sufficient for inclusion under the "Product of Maine" label.

The director shall, as the funds become available, promote consumer recognition of the "Product of Maine" designation and shall encourage the use of this designation by manufacturers.

Effective October 24, 1977