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Brief Description: Establishing a system of animal identification.

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(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Authorizes the director to adopt rules: (1) To support the agriculture industry in meeting federal requirements for the country-of-origin labeling of meat. Any requirements established under this provision for country of origin labeling purposes shall be substantially consistent with and shall not exceed the requirements established by the United States department of agriculture; and

(2) In consultation with the livestock identification advisory board under RCW 16.57.015, to implement federal requirements for animal identification needed to trace the source of livestock for disease control and response purposes.

Authorizes the director to cooperate with and enter into agreements with other states and agencies of federal government to carry out such a system and to promote consistency of regulation.