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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. HARDER of California introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

4 This Act may be cited as the “Olive Oil Standards
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. STANDARDS OF IDENTIFY AND GRADE STANDARDS**2 **FOR OLIVE OIL.**

3 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF STANDARDS OF IDENTIFY.—The Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Commissioner of Food and Drugs (in this section referred to as the “Secretary”), shall establish a standard of identify under section 401 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 341) for individual grades of olive oil.

10 (b) ESTABLISHMENT OF GRADE STANDARDS.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall establish for commercial producers, bottlers, and marketers in the United States a grade standard for individual olive oil and olive-pomace oil grades.

15 (2) CONTENTS.—The grade standards shall include the following:

17 (A) Quality and purity parameters for the following olive oil and olive-pomace oil grades:

19 (i) Extra virgin olive oil.

20 (ii) Virgin olive oil.

21 (iii) Olive oil.

22 (iv) Refined olive oil.

23 (v) Lampante olive oil.

24 (vi) Olive-pomace oil.

25 (vii) Refined olive-pomace oil.

26 (viii) Crude olive-pomace oil.

1 (B) Methods of analysis, according to
2 American Oil Chemist Society, International
3 Organization for Standardization, or Inter-
4 national Olive Oil Council accreditation meth-
5 ods, to determine the characteristics of olive oils
6 and olive-pomace oils.

9 (i) consistent with the establishment
10 of grade standards under this paragraph;
11 and

12 (ii) in compliance with the require-
13 ments of subchapters A, B, D, E, and F
14 of part 101 of title 21, Code of Federal
15 Regulations (or successor regulations).

16 (3) SPECIAL RULES.—

17 (A) EXTRA VIRGIN OLIVE OIL.—The qual-
18 ity parameters developed for extra virgin olive
19 oil under paragraph (2)(A)(i) shall include
20 pyropheophytin a (PPP) and 1,2 diacylglycerols
21 (DAG) parameters.

22 (B) LABELING.—In developing labeling
23 standards under paragraph (2)(C), the Sec-
24 retary shall ensure that—

1 (i) the name of the product is con-
2 sistent with the stated grade; and

3 (ii) the descriptions of the product on
4 the package avoid inappropriate and mis-
5 leading messages.

6 (c) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 120 days

7 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall
8 transmit to Congress a report on the actions taken under
9 this section.