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To amend the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954 to require nutrient fortification of agricultural commodities provided for feeding programs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PENNY introduced the following bill; which was referred jointly to the Committees on Agriculture and Foreign Affairs

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 101. MICRONUTRIENT FORTIFICATION.**

4 Section 202 of the Agricultural Trade Development
5 and Assistance Act of 1954 (7 U.S.C. 1722) is amended
6 by adding the following new subsection:

7 “(h) MICRONUTRIENT FORTIFICATION.—

8 “(1) PROCESSED FOODS.—The Administrator
9 shall require that processed foods provided under

1 this title shall be fortified with appropriate amounts
2 of designated micronutrients, including vitamin A
3 and iron, as determined by the Administrator pursu-
4 ant to regulation.

5 “(2) VEGETABLE OIL.—The Administrator shall
6 study the feasibility and effectiveness of
7 micronutrient fortification of vegetable oil taking
8 into account the stability of the added
9 micronutrients and the potential for their degrada-
10 tion in light of the effects of transportation, han-
11 dling, storage, and other conditions associated with
12 distribution under this title.

13 “(3) OTHER COMMODITIES.—The Adminis-
14 trator shall require fortification of other commodities
15 such as whole grains provided under this title if and
16 when the Administrator determines that such for-
17 tification is economically and logistically feasible
18 and has been tested and proven effective.

19 “(4) MONITORING.—The Administrator shall
20 carry out a program to monitor the levels of
21 micronutrients contained in commodities provided
22 under this title.

23 “(5) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 6 months
24 after the date of enactment of this subsection, the
25 Administrator shall by regulation establish the ap-

1 appropriate minimum levels of certain essential
2 micronutrients, including vitamin A and iron, which
3 shall be required in agricultural commodities pro-
4 vided under this title. The Administrator shall take
5 into account the bioavailability of such
6 micronutrients, the feasibility of fortification of com-
7 modities with such micronutrients, the stability and
8 potential degradation of added micronutrients in
9 light of the effects of transportation, handling, stor-
10 age, and distribution of the commodities, and the ul-
11 timate use for which the commodities are intended.
12 In general, the Administrator shall assume that
13 commodities provided under this title shall be uti-
14 lized only to supplement the diets of the recipients.”.

15 **SEC. 102. IMPLEMENTATION OF FEEDING PROGRAMS.**

16 It is the sense of Congress that the Administrator,
17 in implementing feeding programs under the Agricultural
18 Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, should:

19 (1) place more emphasis on assessing food aid
20 needs in designing direct feeding programs—

21 (A) to modify specific food aid commodities
22 to better suit program recipients (according to
23 dietary needs and cultural practices); and

1 (B) to modify feeding programs to better
2 target the most vulnerable groups (children,
3 girls, and the elderly); and

4 (2) design programs that encourage in-country
5 micronutrient fortification so that structures are in
6 place when food assistance is withdrawn.

7 **SEC. 103. REPORT.**

8 Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment
9 of this Act, the Administrator shall prepare and submit
10 to the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Rep-
11 resentatives and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition,
12 and Forestry of the Senate, a report on the implementa-
13 tion of the provisions and amendments contained in this
14 Act.

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