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South African

Narrow strips of sun-dried meat.

[Afrikaans : *bil*, buttock (from Middle Dutch *bille*; see **bhel**-² [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#)) + *tong*, tongue (from Middle Dutch *tonghe*; see **d ghū**- [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#)).]

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