

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 2121

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to public health and safety; defining
8 term; prohibiting the manufacture, sale, hold or
offer for sale, or distribution of cultivated meat;
9 providing punishment for violation; providing for
revocation of certain licenses for violation;
10 providing the State Department of Health certain
rulemaking authority; construing provisions; amending
Section 1, Chapter 88, O.S.L. 2025 (63 O.S. Supp.
2025, Section 1-1160), which relates to false
advertising of food; modifying definitions; updating
statutory references; updating statutory language;
providing for codification; and providing an
effective date.

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16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

17 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified

18 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-1159 of Title 63, unless there
19 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

20 A. For the purposes of this section, the term "cultivated meat"
21 means a meat or meat product that was produced from cultured animal
22 tissue produced from in vitro animal cell cultures outside of the
23 animal from which the cells were derived.

1 B. 1. It shall be unlawful for any person to manufacture,
2 sell, hold or offer for sale, or distribute any cultivated meat
3 product in this state.

4 2. Any person who violates the provisions of this subsection
5 shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor.

6 C. 1. A seller of food under Sections 1-1118, 1-1118.1, and 1-
7 1119 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes that sells or distributes
8 cultivated meat products in violation of subsection B of this
9 section shall be subject to all enforcement measures as provided by
10 rule of the State Department of Health.

11 2. The license of a seller of food may be suspended or revoked,
12 as provided by rule of the State Department of Health, upon the
13 conviction of an owner or an employee of the licensed seller of food
14 for a violation of subsection B of this section.

15 D. The State Department of Health may adopt rules as necessary
16 to implement this section.

17 E. Nothing in this section shall be construed as preventing any
18 federal, state, or local governmental entity or institution of
19 higher education, or a person that is partnered with a governmental
20 entity or institution of higher education as evidenced by a formal
21 agreement, from conducting research in this state regarding the
22 production of cultivated meat products.

23 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 88, O.S.L. 2025
24 (63 O.S. Supp. 2025, Section 1-1160), is amended to read as follows:
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1 Section 1-1160. A. As used in this act section:

2 1. "Agricultural food animal" means any domesticated animal
3 belonging to the bovine, caprine, ovine, or porcine species, or any
4 domesticated chicken or turkey;

5 2. "~~Cultivated protein food product~~" means a food product
6 having one or more sensory attributes that resemble a type of tissue
7 originating from an agricultural food animal but that, in lieu of
8 being derived from meat processing, is derived from manufacturing
9 cells or nonanimal sources, including processes in which one or more
10 stem cells are initially isolated from an agricultural food animal,
11 are grown ~~in vitro~~, and may be manipulated, as part of a
12 manufacturing operation;

13 3. "Identifying meat term" means any word or phrase that
14 states, indicates, suggests, or describes a meat product and
15 includes any:

16 a. common name for the species of the agricultural food
17 animal subject to slaughter and processing, including
18 calf, chicken, cow, goat, hog, kid, lamb, pig,

19 poultry, sheep, or turkey,

20 b. ~~any~~ characteristic of a species of the agricultural
21 food animal subject to slaughter and processing,
22 including beef, broiler, cabrito, chevon, fryer, lamb,
23 mutton, pork, poulet, veal, or yearling, and

c. common name used to describe a major cut of a meat of an agricultural food animal slaughtered and processed, including a major meat cut or any other common name that a reasonable purchaser would immediately and exclusively associate with a meat product prepared for sale in normal commercial channels, including bacon, bologna, bone, brat, bratwurst, brisket, burger, butt, chop, chuck, cold cut, cutlet, filet, flat iron, frank, frankfurter, ham, hamburger, hock, hot dog, jerky, liverwurst, loin, London broil, lunch meat, New York strip, pepperoni, porterhouse, rib, ribeye, roast, salami, sausage, shank, sirloin, sparerib, tenderloin, or any comparable word or phrase;

4. 3. "Insect-protein food product" means a food product having one or more sensory attributes that resemble a type of tissue originating from an agricultural food animal but that, in lieu of being derived from meat processing, is derived from manufacturing insect parts;

5. 4. "Manufactured-protein food product" means a ~~cultivated protein food product, an~~ insect-protein food product, or plant-protein food product containing more than a trace amount of plant-protein food products;

6. 5. "Plant-protein food product" means a food product having one or more sensory attributes that resemble a type of tissue found

1 in a species of agricultural food animal but that, in lieu of being
2 derived from meat processing, is derived from manufacturing plant
3 parts; and

4 7. 6. "Qualifying term" means a word, compound word, or phrase
5 that would clearly disclose to a reasonable purchaser of meat
6 products that a food product is not a meat product including cell-
7 cultivated, cell-cultured, fake, grown in a lab, imitation, insect,
8 insect-based, insect protein, lab-created, lab-grown, meat-free,
9 meatless, plant, plant-based, vegan, vegetable, vegetarian, veggie,
10 or any comparable word or phrase.

11 B. No person shall falsely advertise or misbrand any food or
12 distribute, offer for sale, or sell any misbranded food.

13 C. A food shall be deemed to be falsely advertised or
14 misbranded if:

15 1. For any manufactured-protein food product that is labeled
16 with an identifying meat term, such manufactured-protein food
17 product is not labeled with a conspicuous and prominent qualifying
18 term in close proximity to the identifying meat term; or

19 2. For any manufactured-protein food product that is labeled
20 with an identifying meat term and offered for sale at a food
21 establishment, such manufactured-protein food product is not labeled
22 in a manner that is clearly and distinctly separate from any product
23 that is made from tissue originating from any agricultural food
24 animal.

1 D. A manufactured-protein food product is falsely advertised or
2 misbranded if:

3 1. All labeling or advertising for such manufactured-protein
4 food product that lists an identifying meat term does not include a
5 conspicuous and prominent qualifying term in close proximity to the
6 identifying meat term; or

7 2. For any manufactured-protein food product that is offered
8 for sale at a food establishment, such manufactured-protein food
9 product is not stored in a manner that:

10 a. keeps such product separate from tissue originating
11 from agricultural food animals, and
12 b. uses distinctive shelf tags or other posted
13 representations to identify and distinguish such
14 manufactured-protein food product from tissue
15 originating from agricultural food animals.

16 E. The Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry
17 shall investigate all credible complaints that food products are
18 falsely advertised or misbranded as meat products.

19 F. Any person who violates the provisions of this ~~act~~ section
20 shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor.

21 G. A manufacturer of food under Sections 1-1118, 1-1118.1, and
22 1-1119 of ~~Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes~~ this title that violates
23 this ~~act~~ section shall be subject to all enforcement measures as

1 provided by rule of the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food,
2 and Forestry.

3 H. The Department State Board of Agriculture, ~~Food, and~~
4 ~~Forestry~~ may adopt rules as necessary to implement this section.

5 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2026.

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