

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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New law prohibits a person from manufacturing, distributing, selling, or offering for sale any cell cultured food product for human consumption in this state.

New law defines "cell cultured food product" as any cultured animal tissue produced from in vitro animal cell cultures outside of the organism from which it is derived.

New law provides that any person who violates new law will be subject to a civil penalty of not more than \$500 for each violation. Each day on which a violation occurs will be considered a separate offense.

New law provides that penalties may be assessed only by a ruling of the commissioner of the Dept. of Agriculture and Forestry based on an adjudicatory hearing and the commissioner may assess the proportionate costs of the adjudicatory hearing against the offender.

New law provides that the commissioner may institute civil proceedings to enforce his rulings and to seek injunctive relief to restrain and prevent the violation, which must be instituted in the district court for the parish in which the violation occurred.

New law authorizes the commissioner to adopt rules or regulations as necessary to implement new law.

New law provides that new law shall become effective only upon a final ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court holding that prohibitions on cell cultured food products do not violate the U.S. Constitution.

New law further provides that the provisions of new law do not prohibit institutions of higher education from conducting research on cell cultured food products.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Adds R.S. 3:4750.1-4750.5)