

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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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 derived.

New law prohibits the sale, manufacturing, or distribution of any cell cultured food product. Further prohibits the mixing of any cell cultured food product with any "meat product", as defined by existing law (R.S. 3:4743(11)), for sale as food for human consumption.

Existing law (R.S. 3:4233(A)) establishes certain prohibitions relative to meat and poultry.

New law prohibits the sale, manufacturing, or distribution of any cell cultured food product.

Effective upon a final U.S. Supreme Court ruling upholding the constitutionality of state bans on cell cultured food products, while still allowing accredited higher education institutions in the state to conduct research on such products regardless of that ruling.

(Amends R.S. 3:4233(A)(4) through (14); Adds R.S. 3:4201(24), 4210.1, and 4233(A)(15))