



Defining "Meat": Enacted Laws Regulating Labeling

State	Act #	Passage Date	Effective Date	Products Covered in Act	Penalty	PDF Copy of Act	Court Actions	Court Action Basis	Current Status of Legal Action
Alabama	HB 518/ Act No. 2019-310	23-May-19	First day of the third month following its passage and approval (Aug. 1, 2019)	Meat ("a food product that contains cultured animal tissue produced from animal cell cultures outside of the organism from which it is derived may not be labeled as meat or a meat food product") Beef (the flesh of domesticated cow or steer); Meat (an portion of livestock, poultry, or cervid carcass that is edible by humans); Pork (flesh of domesticated swine); Rice (whole, broken, or ground kernels of two species and wild rice); Utilizing a term that is similar or the same to a term that has been used or defined historically in reference to a specific agricultural product	The Commissioner may direct that such use be discontinued or withheld unless the marking, labeling or container is modified in such manner as he or she may prescribe so that it will not be false or misleading.	https://legiscan.com/AL/text/HB518/id/2002766/Alabama-2019-HB518-Introduced.pdf	None as of July 29, 2019		
Arkansas	Act 501	18-Mar-19	90 days following the adjournment of AR's legislature (July 23, 2019)	Meat (the flesh of domesticated cow or steer); Meat (an portion of livestock, poultry, or cervid carcass that is edible by humans); Pork (flesh of domesticated swine); Rice (whole, broken, or ground kernels of two species and wild rice); Utilizing a term that is similar or the same to a term that has been used or defined historically in reference to a specific agricultural product	Fine of an amount, of no more than, \$1,000 per violation (each item constitutes a separate violation). Fine can be waived if the violation was accidental or the person that violated the rule publicly acknowledges the violation and conducts a voluntary recall.	http://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/assembly/2019/2019R/Acts/Act501.pdf	https://www.efi.org/files/policy/arkansas-tofurky-complaint.pdf	The Plaintiffs argue that the law is in violation of the US Constitution, specifically the First Amendment, Fourteenth Amendment, Due Process Clause, Dormant Commerce Clause and Freedom of Speech Clause. The plaintiff also argues that the law opens them up to advertising liabilities.	Case filed on July 22, 2019
Kentucky	HB 311	21-Mar-19	90 days following the adjournment of KY's legislature (27-June-19)	Meat, Meat Product, Cultured Animal Tissue		https://legiscan.com/KY/text/HB311/id/1983843/Kentucky-2019-HB311-Enrolled.pdf	None as of August 2, 2019		
Louisiana	Act No. 273	11-Jun-19	1-Oct-20	Meat or Meat Product ("product derived from harvested beef, pork, poultry, alligator, farm-raised deer, turtle, domesticated rabbit, crawfish, or shrimp carcass"), Rice, Beef or Beef Product (domesticated bovine), Pork or Pork Product (domesticated swine), Poultry (domesticated birds), terms that are the same as a deceptively similar to a term that has been used or defined historically in reference to a specific agricultural product.	Fine of an amount, of no more than \$500 for each violation. Each day on which a violation occurs shall be a separate offense. The commissioner may assess the proportionate costs of the adjudicatory hearing against the offender.	https://legiscan.com/LA/text/SB152/2019	None as of July 10, 2019		
Maine	HB 351	12-Jun-19	12-Jun-19	Meat and Poultry as defined by Title 22, Section 2511.	The Commissioner may suspend or revoke a license or may take any other action that the commissioner determines appropriate.	https://legiscan.com/ME/text/LD351/id/2042774/Maine-2019-LD351-Chaptered.pdf	None as of July 29, 2019		
Mississippi	Senate Bill 2292	12-Mar-19	1-Jul-19	Meat ("a food product that contains cultured animal tissue produced from animal cell cultures outside of the organism from which it is derived" or "plant-based or insect-based food product shall not be labeled as meat or a meat food product.")	The Commissioner may direct that "such use be withheld unless the marketing, labeling, or container is modified in such a manner as he may prescribe so that it will not be false or misleading."	http://billstatus.ls.state.ms.us/documents/2019/html/SB/2900-2999/SB2922SG.htm	https://i.i.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/Uptons-Naturals-Co.-et-al.-v.-Phil-Bryant-et-al.-Complaint-for-Declaratory-and-Injunctive-Relief-7-1-2019.pdf	The case raises a single claim under the First Amendment, seeking declaratory and injunctive relief.	Case filed on July 1, 2019
Missouri	Senate Bill 627	28-Aug-19	28-Aug-18	Meat ("any edible portion of livestock, poultry, or captive cervid carcass or part thereof") that is derived from harvested production livestock ("cattle, calves, sheep, swine, raitite birds including but not limited to ostrich and emu, aquatic products..., llamas, alpaca, buffalo, bison, elk documented as obtained from a legal source and not from the wild, goats, or horses, other equines, or rabbits raised in confinement for human consumption") or poultry."	Any person who violates the law will be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor	https://law.justia.com/codes/missouri/2017/title-wii/chapter-265/section-265.494/	https://www.efi.org/images/uploads/2019/08/Gfietal-MOMeatComplaint.pdf	The plaintiffs argue that the law is unconstitutional under the First Amendment and that it was not enacted to address consumer confusion but to protect the agricultural industry.	In a status report filed in July 2019, the plaintiffs informed the court that "the parties do not believe that additional time will allow for resolution of the impasse." The Joint Status Report asked the court to resume litigation.
Montana	HB 327	18-Apr-19	19-Apr-19	Meat ("means the edible flesh of livestock and poultry and includes livestock and poultry products. This section does not include cell-cultured edible products as defined by this Section.") Cell-Cultured Edible Products ("means the concept of meat including but not limited to muscle cells, fat cells, connective tissue, blood and other components produced via cell cultered, rather than a whole slaughtered animal.")		https://legiscan.com/MT/text/HB327/id/1978370/Montana-2019-HB327-Enrolled.pdf	None as of July 29, 2019		
North Dakota	House Concurrent Resolution 3024	22-Jan-19	1-Aug-19	Meat, Pork, Beef, Poultry		https://legiscan.com/ND/text/3024/id/1949032/North-Dakota-2019-3024-Enrolled.pdf	None as of August 2, 2019		
North Dakota	HB 1400	13-Mar-19	1-Aug-19	Meat ("means the edible flesh of an animal born and harvested for the purpose of human consumption.") Poultry ("includes domesticated fowl bred for the primary purpose of producing eggs or meat, or both, including chickens, turkeys, ostriches, emus, rheas, cassowaries, waterfowl, and game birds, but excluding doves and pigeons.")		https://legiscan.com/ND/text/1400/id/1948923/North-Dakota-2019-1400-Enrolled.pdf	None as of August 2, 2019		
Oklahoma	Senate Bill 392	26-Apr-19	90 days following the adjournment of OK's legislature	Meat ("any edible portion of livestock, poultry, or captive cervid carcass or part thereof") Cell-Cultured Meat (not derived from harvested production livestock, poultry, fish, or crustaceans and is cell-cultured)	Misdemeanor - imprisonment not more than one year, or fined not more than \$1,000, or both	https://legiscan.com/OK/bill/SB392/2019	None as of July 10, 2019		
South Carolina	Act No. 79	16-May-19	16-May-19	Meat ("any edible portion of livestock, poultry, fish, or crustaceans and is cell-cultured")	Misdemeanor - imprisonment not more than one year, or fined not more than \$1,000, or both	https://legiscan.com/SC/text/H4245/2019	None as of July 10, 2019		

South Dakota	Senate Bill 68	29-Mar-19	18-Mar-19	<p>Meat food product ("any product capable of use as human food which is made wholly or in part from any meat or other portion of the carcass of any cattle, bison, sheep, swine, goats, equine, rattites, captive cervidae, and other species...excepting products which contain meat or other portions of such carcasses only in a relatively small proportion"), meat by-product ("edible part other than meat which has been derived from one or more cattle, bison, sheep, swine, goats, equine, rattites, captive cervidae, and other species"), poultry</p>	https://legiscan.com/SD/text/SB68/2019	None as of July 10, 2019		
Wyoming	SB 68	26-Feb-19	1-Jul-20	<p>Meat ("means the edible part of the muscle of animals, which is skeletal or which is found in the tongue, in the diaphragm, in the heart or in the esophagus, with or without the accompanying or overlying fat, and the portions of bone, skin, sinew, nerve and blood vessels which normally accompany the muscle tissue and which are not separated from it in the process of dressing, but shall not include the muscle found in the lips, snout or ears, nor any edible part of the muscle which has been manufactured, cured, smoked, cooked or processed")</p>	https://legiscan.com/WY/text/SF0068/id/1920843/Wyoming-2019-SF0068-Enrolled.pdf	None as of July 29, 2019		