

**Act LXXXIX of 2025****prohibiting the production and placing on the market of lab-grown meat\***

- [1] It is undisputed that traditional food production has a positive impact on agriculture as a whole and on living conditions in rural areas.
- [2] It is important that our diet is based on high-quality foods made from natural ingredients.
- [3] Foodstuffs – in accordance with their intended purpose – are continuously ingested and, to a significant extent, incorporated into the human body. Consequently, every effort must be made to eliminate or reduce any possible negative effects, as food entering the human body can also be a source of great danger. Unconventional technologies and production methods entail potential dangers that present threat to our fundamental values. We do not yet have a satisfactory response to these challenges.
- [4] The alleged negative effects justify a general ban on the production and placing on the market of lab-grown meat.
- [5] Only the narrowest of exceptions may be made to this prohibition; accordingly, the production and marketing of lab-grown meat may only be permitted for medical and veterinary purposes.
- [6] Based on the above and giving effect to the fundamental rights to physical and mental health as defined in the Fundamental Law, as well as to a healthy environment, the National Assembly hereby passes the following act:

**Section 1** For the purposes of this Act, lab-grown meat means a product isolated or produced from animal cells or tissues under artificial conditions outside the living organism.

**Section 2** With the exception of medical and veterinary use, the production and placing on the market of lab-grown meat and products containing lab-grown meat as an ingredient shall be prohibited.

**Section 3** In case of a breach of the provisions of Section 2, the food chain supervisory body may apply the legal consequences under Chapter VI of Act XLVI of 2008 on the food chain and its official supervision (hereinafter: Food Act), in accordance with the provisions of the Food Act and pursuant to the decree issued for the implementation thereof.

**Section 4** The Government is authorised to designate the food chain inspection body by decree.

**Section 5** This Act shall enter into force on the day following its publication.

**Section 6** The requirement for the prior notification of this draft Act, as stipulated in Articles 5-7 of Directive (EU) 2015/1535 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 September 2015 laying down a procedure for the provision of information in the field of technical regulations and of rules on Information Society services, has been met.

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\* The Act was adopted by the National Assembly at its session of 18 November 2025.