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**The Danish Food & Drink Federation's contribution to TRIS Notification
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The Danish Food & Drink Federation appreciates the opportunity to submit comments on the notification of the Hungarian draft act prohibiting the production and placing on the market of laboratory-grown meat.

We note that regulation (EU) 2015/2283 on Novel Foods establishes a comprehensive legal framework designed to ensure the safety of all novel foods, including cultivated meat, through evidence-based assessments and regulatory approvals. This regulation mandates that cultivated meat and other novel foods undergo detailed safety assessments by the European Food Safety Authority to ensure they are safe to consume. Only when cultivated meat and other novel foods are safe for consumption will they be permitted on the EU market.

The Danish Food & Drink Federation thus finds that the existing regulatory framework is sufficient to ensure food safety.

The European Union hosts numerous innovative companies and entrepreneurs at the forefront of cellular food production and biotechnology. This sector holds significant potential to contribute to the green transition by delivering sustainable alternatives to traditional meat and other animal products. The notified text effectively creates a trade barrier for these enterprises, hindering their Internal Market entry by shielding certain national and traditional producers from competition.

The Danish Food & Drink Federation consequently finds that the act will limit companies' innovation and marketing of new sustainable and safe products we so greatly need in the EU for the transformation of the food system.

We thank you for considering these comments.