Act [...] of 2024

prohibiting the production and placing on the market of laboratory-grown meat

Recognising the indisputable positive impact of traditional food production on agriculture and rural living conditions as a whole, and the threats to our fundamental values posed by technologies and production methods other than traditional food production, and in order to enforce the fundamental rights to physical and mental health and a healthy environment as laid down in the Fundamental Law, the Parliament hereby decrees the following:

§ 1

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

§ 2

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

§ 3

In the event of a breach of the provisions of § 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 the decree issued for the implementation thereof.

§ 4

This Act shall enter into force on day following its publication.

§ 5

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

§ 6

This draft act has been subject to prior notification in accordance with Article 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.