

3356-3-17 Purchase of misbranded and cultivated-protein food products.

(A) Policy statement. Youngstown State University (university) shall comply with section 3345.68 of the Revised Code, which requires state institutions of higher education to prevent the purchase of food misbranded as meat or egg product and cultivated-protein food products.

(B) Purpose. This rule applies to:

- (1) All university culinary, dining, and catering services;
- (2) All departments purchasing food products for institutional use;
- (3) All campus retail food operations;
- (4) Any university-sponsored meal programs;
- (5) All employees involved in food procurement, preparation, or distribution.

(C) Definitions.

- (1) “Cultivated-protein food product” means a food having one or more sensory attributes that resemble a type of tissue originating from an agricultural food animal, but that, in lieu of being derived from meat processing, is derived from manufacturing cells in which one or more stem cells are initially isolated from an agricultural food animal, are grown in vitro, and may be manipulated as part of a manufacturing operation.
- (2) “Food misbranded as a meat product or an egg product.”
 - (a) Food is misbranded as a meat product if all of the following apply:
 - (i) The food is a manufactured-protein food product or the food contains a manufactured-protein food product.
 - (ii) The food is offered for sale by a food processing establishment.

- (iii) A label that is part of or placed on the package or other container storing the manufactured-protein food product includes an identifying meat term.
 - (iv) The label that is part of or placed on the package or other container storing the manufactured-protein food product does not contain a conspicuous and prominent qualifying meat term in close proximity to the identifying meat term.
 - (b) Food is misbranded as an egg product if all of the following apply:
 - (i) The food is a fabricated egg product or the food contains a fabricated egg product.
 - (ii) The food is offered for sale or sold by a food processing establishment.
 - (iii) A label that is part of or placed on the package or other container storing the food includes an identifying egg term.
 - (iv) The label that is part of or placed on the package or other container storing the food does not contain a conspicuous and prominent qualifying egg term in close proximity to an identifying egg term.
- (D) Policy. In accordance with section 3345.68 of the Revised Code, the university prohibits the purchase of food that is either of the following:
 - (1) A cultivated-protein food product as defined in section 2715.601 of the Revised Code; or
 - (2) Misbranded as a meat product or an egg product as defined in section 2715.602 of the Revised Code.
- (E) Exception. This policy does not apply to the purchase of food products for research purposes.

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