Name of Policy: **Purchase of Misbranded and Cultivated-Protein Food Products** **Policy Number:** 3364-5-18 **Approving Officer:** Executive VP Finance & Administration & Chief Financial Officer **Responsible Agent:** AVP for Auxiliary Services & Business Development **Scope:** All University of Toledo Campuses		THE UNIVERSITY OF **TOLEDO** 1872 **Effective date**: March 20, 2026 **Original effective date:** March 20, 2026

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(A)   Policy statement

The University of Toledo ("university") shall comply with Revised Code 3345.88, 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)   Definitions

(1)   Food misbranded as a meat product or an egg product: food that contains manufactured-protein or fabricated-egg food product and uses identifying meat or egg terms without a conspicuous qualifying term placed in close proximity.

(2)   Cultivated-protein food product: foods resembling animal tissue but produced from animal cells grown outside of the animal's body in a controlled laboratory environment.

(C)   Policy

In accordance with the Revised Code, the university shall prohibit the purchase of food that is either of the following:

(1)   Misbranded as a meat product or an egg product as defined in section 2715.602 of the Revised Code; or

(2)   A cultivated-protein food product as defined in section 3715.601 of the Revised Code.

(D) Exception

This policy does not apply to the purchase of food products for research purposes.

Approved by:	Policies superseded by this policy: • *None*
 Matt Schroeder EVP Finance & Administration & Chief Financial Officer **Date:** March 20, 2026 **Review/revision completed by:** • *Risk Management* • *Auxiliary Services*	**Original effective date:** March 20,2026 **Review/revision date:** **Next review date:**