



## **Italy Bans Lab-grown Meat, Other Synthetic Foods**

Italy becomes the first country in the world to ban globalist-promoted synthetic food.

Last week, the country passed a law prohibiting the production, sale, import, and export of lab-grown meat and other synthetic foods, including the insect-based ones.

According to a Reuters report, "Factories breaching such rules can be subject to fines of up to €150,000 and risk being shut down, while owners may lose their right to obtain public funding for up to three years."

The bill also bans the use of meat-related terms to market plant-based meat alternatives such as "tofu steak" and "veggie prosciutto."



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The move has been <u>praised</u> by Italian agricultural groups, keen to protect the country's €9.3 billion meat-processing industry.

Francesco Lollobrigida, Italy's minister for food sovereignty and agriculture, told *Politico* that "the measures were about 'defending work, environment, culture and identity — which are rooted in food quality,' and that they were intended to 'defend our civilization against a model driven by delocalization and long supply chains'."

As of today, there are only two countries that have approved the production of lab-grown meat. Breaking ground in December 2020, Singapore approved cell-cultivated chicken meat.

The United States followed in June 2023, with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) granting two companies, <u>Good Meat</u> and <u>Upside Foods</u> a go-ahead to produce synthetic chicken for Americans.





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