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Subject: Amendments to the Catfish Marketing Act.

Act 1191 of 2015 of the Arkansas General Assembly, effective January 1, 2016, amends the Arkansas Catfish Marketing Law pertaining to the Marketing, Labeling, and the Identification of Catfish and Catfish-like Species. "Catfish" is defined as any species of the scientific family Ictaluridae. In addition, "Catfish-like" means any species of the scientific genus Pangasius, family Claridae, or family Siluridae. No Catfish or Catfish-like product shall be offered for direct retail sale for human consumption by a restaurant or other eating establishment unless the catfish product name is identified on the menu in the following manner: (1) "Farm-Raised Catfish", (2) "River or Lake Catfish", (3) "Imported", (4) "Ocean Catfish". If the catfish-like species is imported, the term "Imported" shall be identified on the menu next to the fish offered for sale. If you have any questions, please contact Roger Frazier at 501-570-1159, Supervisor of the Weights and Measures Investigative Section.