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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Edible Oil Regulatory
3 Reform Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. DIFFERENTIATION AMONG FATS, OILS, AND**
5 **GREASES.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection
7 (c), in issuing or enforcing any regulation or establishing
8 any interpretation or guideline relating to a fat, oil, or
9 grease under any Federal law, the head of any Federal
10 agency shall—

11 (1) differentiate between and establish separate
12 classes for—

13 (A) animal fats and oils and greases, and
14 fish and marine mammal oils, within the mean-
15 ing of paragraph (2) of section 61(a) of title
16 13, United States Code, and oils of vegetable
17 origin, including oils from the seeds, nuts, and
18 kernels referred to in paragraph (1)(A) of such
19 section; and

20 (B) other oils and greases, including petro-
21 leum; and

22 (2) apply different standards to different class-
23 es of fats and oils as provided in subsection (b).

24 (b) CONSIDERATIONS.—In differentiating between
25 the class of fats, oils, and greases described in subsection
26 (a)(1)(A) and the class of oils and greases described in

1 subsection (a)(1)(B), the head of the Federal agency shall
2 consider differences in the physical, chemical, biological,
3 and other properties, and in the environmental effects, of
4 the classes.

5 (c) EXCEPTION.—The requirements of this Act shall
6 not apply to the Food and Drug Administration and the
7 Food Safety and Inspection Service.

8 (d) FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY.—

9 (1) Section 1004(a)(1) of the Oil Pollution Act
10 of 1990 (33 U.S.C. 2704(a)(1)) is amended by strik-
11 ing “for a tank vessel,” and inserting “for a tank
12 vessel carrying oil in bulk as cargo or cargo residue
13 (except a tank vessel on which the only oil carried
14 is an animal fat or vegetable oil, as those terms are
15 used in section 2 of the Edible Oil Regulatory Re-
16 form Act)”.

17 (2) Section 1016(a) of the Oil Pollution Act of
18 1990 (33 U.S.C. 2716(a)) is amended in the first
19 sentence by striking “, in the case of a tank vessel,
20 the responsible party could be subject under section
21 1004(a)(1) or (d) of this Act, or to which, in the
22 case of any other vessel, the responsible party could
23 be subjected under section 1004(a)(2) or (d)” and

1 inserting “the responsible party could be subjected
2 under section 1004(a) or (d) of this Act”.

Passed the House of Representatives October 10,
1995.

Attest:

Clerk.