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Dear FSNAZ,

It is most important to avoid the consumption of irradiated food as much as possible. Not all microbial population is destroyed by irradiation, but it is so much damaged that the life-force that existed in the food before it was irradiated has gone - to be replaced by some sort of weird survival factor. This factor retains the appearance and structural characteristics of the food.

I have a real-life example in my own home:

A kilo of apples were bought and for some reason or other, not eaten for over a month. They remained as fresh-looking as the day of purchase. I ate one eventually and thought it tasted bitter. Because they were already old (you can add a month to the shelf time in the shop), the apples were discarded, except for a few thrown in the garden for the birds to peck.

Four months on, the apples are slightly wrinkled but with no sign of decomposition. This is despite going through a hot summer and a few rain showers. And not one bird has attempted to touch them, not even out of curiosity. Nor any insects. Do they sense something that we humans cannot?

You are welcome to come and look at the apple yourself.

To quote: "Irradiation is promoted by the nuclear industry as a clean, efficient method of destroying dangerous germs and infestations in foods, although the fact that not all are killed can cause the food to become more, rather than less, hazardous. As there are no tests that can prove a food has been irradiated, one can only be suspicious."

"The wholesaler and the retailer are the true beneficiaries of irradiation of food, because of the extended shelf life and the increased opportunities for sales, especially in items that are out of season. Unfortunately, despite the growing resistance from the buying public to any food it regards as having been tampered with - and irradiation constitutes 'tampering' - the nuclear industry has prevailed and no government has made labelling mandatory."

I think the source was: *NEED OR GREED* by Judith Hoad, 1999. Publisher: Newleaf – *imprint of* Gill & MacMillan Dublin

Please at least label the irradiated foods so we can have the choice.

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