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Submission RE: A1193: Irradiation as a phytosanitary measure for all fresh fruit and vegetables

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I object to and oppose the blanket approval of irradiation for all fresh fruit and vegetables.

The basis for the objection and opposing of this are:

1. There is a lack of scientific research and data into the impact of the loss of the phytonutrients in foods that are irradiated.
2. Lack of data and research on the potential health implications with the consumption of irradiated foods over a long period of time. Refer to the World Health Organisation recommendations to increase fresh fruit and vegetable consumption for overall health.
3. What appears to be a lack of public consultation, transparency and scrutiny with the date change of objections to 24th December 2020 instead of the originally proposed April 2021 time line.
4. Labelling - how will I and other members of the public be able to make an informed decision? Will the treated fruit and vegetables be labelled to indicate that they have been irradiated? Currently A1092 has not adequately addressed this.

In general the data that is available indicates that the irradiation of food is highly questionable regarding its safety. Refer to the 2003 European Union ruling out irradiating of further foods due to safety issues.

Refer to 2008-09 studies indicating that irradiated food has been linked to neurological disorders and deaths of over 100 Australian cats, which lead to the banning of selling irradiated pet food. Yet you wish to irradiate our fresh

produce! Keeping in mind animal studies are the basis for most scientific research.

For these reasons I call on you to reject A1193 and to rescind all previous irradiation approvals. I look forward to hearing your response to my concerns.

Thank you,

Your Name:

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