
Tuesday, 22 December 2020 9:30 AM

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Re: Submission RE: A1193: Irradiation as a phytosanitary measure for all fresh fruit and vegetables [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Age Group	Percentage of Respondents
18-29	90%
30-49	85%
50-59	75%
60-69	70%
70-79	65%
80-89	60%
90+	55%

On Tue, 22 Dec 2020 at 08:47, standards management <standards.management@foodstandards.gov.au> wrote:

[REDACTED]

Thanks for your submission on application A1193.

In order for FSANZ to process your submission, could you please provide contact details including: address and telephone number. We ask all submitters to provide this information in order to support the veracity and robustness of our submission process.

Personal information won't be made public and is redacted prior to submissions being placed on our website.

If I don't hear back from by Thursday 24 December - we will take your submission as withdrawn.

Feel free to contact me if you have any queries about this.

Regards,

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, 11 December 2020 3:15 PM

To: submissions <submissions@foodstandards.gov.au>

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

Dear honourable people in decision making positions,

I am alarmed to hear that FSANZ has changed the date of public consultation on this important matter without properly informing the public. I ask you to extend the public consultation period IMMEDIATELY for the fair consideration of this technology before

our food (and nutrition) is exposed to it enmass.

I oppose the blanket approval of irradiation of irradiation for all fresh fruit and vegetables. I have concerns about the wholesomeness of irradiated food as well as the environmental and social impacts of irradiating our food. Numerous alternatives to

irradiation exist and I do not believe that the irradiation of these fruits for quarantine purposes benefits my family. I am also worried that irradiated food will not be adequately labelled.

Numerous studies have shown the potential health risks posed by irradiated food. The approval of regularly eaten fruit and vegetables could significantly increase the amount of irradiated food in our diet.

In 2003, concerns over the safety of irradiated food led the European Union Irradiation to rule out further irradiation approvals. The Australian Senate followed suit with a call for approvals to be halted until further research has been conducted. Claims

that irradiated foods are safe are indefensible as **no research on long term consumption of an irradiated diet have been conducted.**

Irradiation has been shown to deplete vitamin C, vitamin A, proteins, essential fatty acids and other nutrients in food and has been linked to health problems such as nutritional deficiencies, immune system disorders, abnormal lymph cells, and genetic damage.

Given the poor levels of health Australians exhibit, any further depletion of available nutrition is simply wrong

In 2008-9, irradiation was responsible for neurological disorders leading to paralysis and in some cases, death, of up to one hundred Australian pet cats. Irradiated cat food is now banned in Australia. The European Food Safety Authority acknowledges that

the risk to humans cannot be ruled out.

While irradiation is promoted as beneficial to Australian farmers; each approval also enables irradiated imports from overseas. Irradiation is a tool of large agri-business – and supports mass production systems that diminish the power of local food producers

and destroy local markets.

We know that eating local, seasonal and whole foods are a cornerstone of both personal and planetary health (as per the EAT lancet report and Lancet report on the Syndemic of Obesity and Climate Change)

Irradiation will not eliminate the use of chemicals and pesticides in crop production; it will be used in conjunction with these and other food processes. None of these processes are regenerative to life on planet Earth, but primarily serve to protect companies

bottom lines.

Finally, I am not confident that these fruits will be adequately labelled. This will lead to foods being marketed as “fresh” though they are processed. Irradiated food and their packages must be individually labelled “treated with radiation” or “irradiated.”

A1092 does not assure me that this will be the case.

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,

Well wishes,



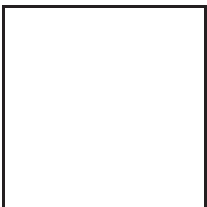
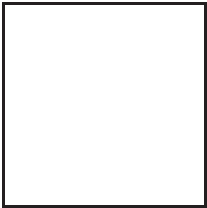
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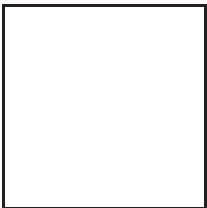
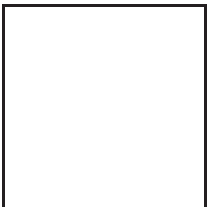
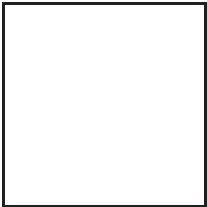
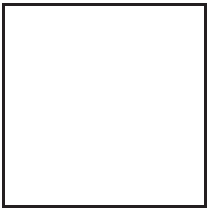
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