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Re Submission to FSANZ review of mandatory labelling of irradiated food- Recommendation 34

To whom it may concern.

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the issue named above . I am appalled that FSANZ is considering removing labelling indicating that food has been irradiated, this action is clearly contrary to that required by public and world standards.

Irradiation is a new technology and its safety has not yet been proved over long term study . Irradiation of food entering Australia and New Zealand falls short of world standards and by exposing our foods to the equivalent of between 1.5 and 10 million x-rays which is also known to deplete vitamin and nutritional value of food is MOST unacceptable. In a free market economy consumers should be able to make informed choices regarding the food they consume.

For Public safety and the maintenance of nutritional values of foods entering Australia and New Zealand food labelling should be mandatory . Consumers should have the right to decide with clear signage depicting which foods have been irradiated.

I look forward to your response on these issues and hope that every effort will be made to ensure food is clearly labelled .

Many thanks

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