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Subject: "Submission on Rec 34: Review required labelling of irradiated foods"

I wish to register my comments to FANZ regarding the Review of labelling irradiated foods.

As a hazardous technologies specialist, I request that FANZ fully discharge it's mandated responsibility to impartially and scientifically evaluate the full extent of the risk to human health of approved foods, in this case, irradiated foods. There are increasing indications that even seemingly minor changes in the foods' state, usually performed by food processors, can alter the food's enzyme profile and create toxins, that while in apparently small amounts, can have cumulative and synergistic negative impacts on human function. Irradiation of food fits into that category of processing. The simplest way of dealing with this is to label all foods that have been irradiated thus giving consumers the opportunity to avoid the risks inherent altered foods, if they choose to do so. This will 'future proof' FANZ on this issue.

It comes down to whether food processors believe their own assertions of the safety of irradiated foods. If they believe that irradiated foods are safe, then they should have no issue with labelling them as such. If there are valid concerns raised about the immediate and long term safety of irradiated foods from research done completely independently of food processor influence, then this situation is covered by the existence of a labelling regime for irradiated foods.

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