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Food Standards Australia New Zealand

re: Irradiation as a phytosanitary measure for all fresh fruit and vegetables

Please accept the following submission.

Can I remind FSANZ that:

- > Irradiation of fresh fruit and vegetables is not a safe way to kill any unsafe insects or to sterilise food contaminants
- > Irradiation reduces the nutritional level of foods and can produce potentially harmful chemicals
- > Sterilising food contaminants and killing unsafe insects can be done without adding chemicals to our food.
- > Irradiated foods represent a possible danger to human health so long as the cause of paralysis and death in cats who ate irradiated pet food remains unclear.

And as you know:

- > The European Food Safety Authority says irradiated foods are a possible risk to human health.
- > Irradiated food cannot be said to be safe since no studies exist on the human health consequences of an irradiated food diet.

As such the proposed food standard A1193 is unsafe and unnecessary.

Furthermore, fruits and vegetables already irradiated should be clearly labelled "Exposed to radiation".

Can I ask you to please reply to this email with a confirmation that you will reject A1193 and rescind all previous irradiation approvals.

Thank you.

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I acknowledge the Wurundjeri people on whose traditional lands I live and I pay my respect to the Elders, past, present and future. Always was, always will be Aboriginal land.