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Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305)
Food and Drug Administration
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061
Rockville, MD 20852

Dear Sir or Madam;

I am writing to object to the use of ionizing radiation on seeds for sprouting. Irradiation had the potential to adversely effect the health of my self and my family. I am disturbed the FDA approved this process, particularly for seed that sprout, and the sprouts of which will not be labeled.

Specifically, I object because:

1. No valid toxicity studies have been done on the sprouts that grow from irradiated seed. The research used to approve the irradiation of sprouting seed was the same flawed research used to approve the irradiation of food directly. It was negligent to approve food irradiation without any research on the long-term effects after consumption; it is even more negligent to assume the effects of irradiation will be the same on sprouting seeds.
2. The FDA approved the irradiation of sprouting seeds at the maximum dose of 8 kiloGray, though data were submitted on the nutritional changes in sprouting seeds irradiated at only 6 kiloGray. This inconsistency must be rectified.
3. Sprouts resulting from irradiated seeds will not be labeled at the grocery store. As a consumer I have the right to know what I am purchasing and eating; any attempt to circumvent this knowledge is unacceptable.

I demand you re-evaluate the decision. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely



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